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# HILLSBORO MAN IS FOUND DEAD IN CISTERN

## GRIEF STRICKEN COMMUNITY IS BURYING ITS DEAD

[By United Press]

HOBART, Ok., Dec. 26—With Christmas a haunting memory, residents of Babb's Switch, small community seven miles south of here, gathered here today to bury the 33 men, women and children who perished in a disastrous Christmas eve party when fire made the community school house a death trap.

The charred remains of another body, believed to be Lilly Revilt, was removed from the embers of what was District School No. 42, last night.

Four of the 37 injured are expected to die momentarily.

Resting in plain black caskets, the simplicity of which bore out their Puritanic mode of living, sixteen of the victims will be buried at a union funeral service here this afternoon. Rev. C. W. Estes, pastor of the Presbyterian church, selected to represent all denominations, will conduct the services.

Grim faced men, part of the 150 persons who escaped the licking tongues of the flames which enveloped the small one-story frame building when a tiny candle in the top of the large Christmas tree overturned, were busy burrowing graves into the ice-covered ground this morning.

Pathos stalked in after tragedy this morning when a large box of children's toys arrived from Muskogee, Ok., for the two score children who saw flames angrily engulf their presents, which a Santa Claus had just started removing from the tree. Nearly fifty Muskogee children gathered at a mass meeting yesterday and decided to send their Christmas gifts to the little sufferers.

Funeral services for the remaining dead will be held tomorrow when additional graves can be dug in the frozen ground.

Andrew Jackson, hero of the holocaust, was called upon dozens of times today by grief-stricken relatives of victims who desired to hear the story of the Nation's most disastrous Christmas eve tragedy.

"A flimsy curtain behind which students of the school had remained before they stepped upon the school's stage to speak their Christmas pieces, caught fire when the tree overturned into the laps of those on the front row," he said. "I started for the door and got out. Then I saw my sister Vesta being milled under the feet of those fighting to get through the only exit.

"I couldn't get the heavy screens on the windows loose. It sickened me as I saw the people at the rear of the jam being seared by the fire. It was a living hell for them.

"I ran to the door and started pulling those who were wedged tight outside. There were over 200 pushing against them trying to get out. I couldn't reach my sister and I saw here disappear—and the flames just tore their way through those trying to get out."

## Tons of Christmas Mail Still In P. O. All Clerks Working

With a full force of clerks and carriers working as fast as possible Postmaster Isidore Newman expects to have the tons of Christmas packages and other mail cleared from his shelves in a few days. The entire force started early Friday and the day's delivery of mail promised to be one of the heaviest of the season.

Congestion due to increased population and cramped condition in the post office has taxed the capacity of the building and the force, bringing on the worst crowded condition the post office has known.

Long lines of persons waited at the general delivery windows Friday for Christmas mail as clerks served them as rapidly as possible.

### POISON LIQUOR DEATHS FALL OFF DURING 1924

[By United Press]

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Poison liquor claimed fewer lives this year than 1923, figures of the nation's principal cities indicated today. While hospitals are filled the number of fatalities is comparatively small.

## "Mr. A's" Uncle May Disinherit Him

MAHARAJAH SIR PRETEP SINGH.

Above is an exclusive photograph of Maharajah General Sir Pretep Singh, of Jemmu-Kashmir, one of the world's richest potentates. He is the uncle of the Rajah Sir Hari Singh, who is now known to have been the mysterious "Mr. A." from whom English blackmailers obtained $750,000 when they caught him in a Paris hotel with Mrs. Maude Robinson, wife of a bookmaker. Sir Hari, who is officially his uncle's heir, may be disinherited. It is reported from India.

## THIRTEEN BODIES RECOVERED IN VIRGINIA FLOOD

[By United Press]

SALTSVILLE, Va., Dec. 26.—Thirteen bodies had been recovered and seven are still missing today in the wake of a flood which destroyed Parmertown Christmas eve. The missing are thought by rescue workers to be dead, making a total casualties of 20. Of the 19 in hospitals several have contracted pneumonia as the result of exposure in the icy waters. Others were severely burned by alkali.

Four houses were swept away at Parmartown by the gush of alkali muck which raced down the valley when the dam crumbled under the pressure of flood waters. Most of the dead and missing were in these houses, according to W. A. Rogers, storekeeper, who is leading the relief work.

Little hope is held of finding the missing alive.

## Lightweight Guards Of S. M. U. Face Heavy Wesleyans

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 26.—Although S. M. U.'s two light regular guards will be outweighed when the Mustangs meet West Virginia Wesleyan at Fair Park Stadium on New Year's Day in the revival of the Dixie Stadium's intersectional classic, there will be no case of the good little men meeting the good big men. For the Bobcats' guards are not beefy either.

S. M. U.'s two regulars all year have been Russell McIntosh, 168 pounder, and Collis Irby, 166. Lake Morrison, the other player who lettered at guard, is the heaviest of the trio, 175. Wesleyan's left guard, Moore, weighs 168, and the other guard, Kemerer, 179. Nor is there a very heavy man in the four Higgins has in reserve, Trainer, the regular handicapped by illness all year, 171, Barber, 171, Nigel, 178, and Colombo, 169.

McIntosh is the star guard on this year's S. M. U. machine, Irby and Morrison being noted more for steadiness than brilliancy. The youthful Scotchman has learned a lot of football in four years and by close application and study has developed from the raw, apparently hopeless lineman he was at Bryan High in 1921, into one of the best guards in the Conference—a young man who covers an astonishing area of the gridiron, a ball-hawk who pounces on fumbles far to the left and right, and a clever diagnostician of the way to stop a play that has gained over him once if it is tried again.

## HOUSTON SCENE OF DEATHS OF VIOLENCE XMAS

[By United Press]

HOUSTON, Texas, Dec. 26.—One man committed suicide, another was shot down and a third was killed by an automobile here Christmas.

Leaving a note to his sweetheart that he could not live without her, Earl Richards, 30, sent a bullet thru his brain last night.

Christopher Diaz was riddled with bullets as he left his home late in the afternoon. W. J. McDavid is being held in connection with the shooting.

Pierto Giovinco was killed when he was hit by an automobile on the road near here.

## Smith Starts The Week off the Same As Last Period

The week opened this last Monday the same as it did the week before, with the E. L. Smith Oil Company bringing in the first producer of the week. The Smith Edwards 1 came in and made 500 barrels the first hour, lifting that company to second place in the Wortham field. The Company has its Edwards 2 going down rapidly and should be at production depths within the next ten days. It also has two more wells going down on the Beall. The Beal 1, brought in by the company two weeks ago, is producing around 3500 barrels daily. The number 2 is a North offset and the number 3 is a West offset to number 1. The acreage to the North of the Beall tract is held by the Humble Oil and Refining Company and that to the South is held by the Kirby Petroleum Company. The completion of the number 2 Bounds of the Pure Oil Company, expected this afternoon, which is North of its number 1, will give the field in that immediate territory a width already of about 4 locations.

The Smith Beall 1 is about 4 locations west of the line between the Humphreys Boyd Simmons 1 and the Atlantic-Humphreys Boyd-Penn et al McCorkle, extreme Northeast well. This indicates that much of the southeast part of the city of Wortham is in the proven area and that the field will be at least a quarter of a mile wide there.

## Confederate Idol Dies In Dallas

[By United Press]

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 26.—Gen. James M. Cochran, 78, veteran resident of Dallas county and Confederate army idol of the South, died in a hospital here last night of injuries sustained when he fell on an icy pavement a week ago.

General Cochran was born ten miles north of the city of Dallas June 1, 1846, just more than a month before the formation of Dallas county.

### May Succeed Gompers As Labor Chief.

WILLIAM GREEN

William Green, of Coshocton, O., secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers of America since 1913 and a vice-president of the American Federation of Labor since 1913, is being boomed as a successor to Samuel Gompers as President of the Federation.

### Actress Divorces Noted Tenor.

MRS JOHN W. STEEL

Mrs. John W. Steel, widely known on the stage before her marriage as Sidonie Espero, has been granted a divorce in New York from the noted tenor. She named three young women of the "Follies." They and Steel indignantly denied the charges.

## Around The World Around The Clock

[By United Press]

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 26.—Two women, one more than 50 years old, the other 25, are in a serious condition in a hospital as result of drinking poison liquor here.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Three deaths from poisonous liquor was the toll of this city's fifth prohibition Christmas. Four of 22 other victims in hospitals, including one woman, may die. The death list last Christmas also was three.

Total dead from bad liquor for the current month is 34.

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 26.—With one hundred prisoners up for arraignment today as a result of William H. Walker's vigorous "dry" raids of the past few days, the assistant chief enforcement agent for the New York-New Jersey area declared the latter State "the wettest in the United States," and announced he will renew his seizures and arrests immediately.

Meanwhile, others, including the Federal prohibition director for New Jersey, Adrian G. Chamberlain, declare Walker's raids are inspired by enemies of Senator Edge, who has recently been under fire from ministers and "drys" because of an alleged liberal attitude toward the liquor question.

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—Two men and a woman died here during the night from a moonshine revel and five others are in hospitals as the result of drinking a mixture of canned heat and black coffee.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Death today of Moy Quong, wealthy leader of the On Leong faction in Chinatown here, may start another bloody tong war, police fear. Quong was shot down by two men last night in a laundry.

Two Chinamen are under arrest and others are being rounded up. Extra police are on guard to prevent a new outbreak.

WICHITA, aKs., Dec. 26.—Following his annual custom of feeding the poor of Wichita, Samuel B. Amidon, one of the most prominent lawyers of the Southwest, fed more than 2,500 persons on Christmas day.

### CHRISTMAS PACKAGE MAY PROVE DEADLY

LO SANGELES, Dec. 26.—Faced with the mysteries of Latin feudalism, police today moved slowly in search of suspects on bombing Ernest Tochia, Italian attorney, who was seriously injured when a Christmas package exploded in his hands. The attorney's condition today was pronounced "unchanged."

## EARLY MORNING WICHITA FALLS FIRE TAKES ITS TOLL

[By United Press]

WICHITA FALLS, Texas, Dec. 26.—Fire took a damage toll of $100,000 and injured night watchmen Bailey Kenley when an early morning blaze destroyed the top floor and roof of the Bob Waggoner Building, an eight story office building here today.

The fire started in the elevator house on the roof, eating its way through the eighth floor before firemen could reach the scene, Kenley was severely burned by steam but his condition is not considered serious.

## Corsicana Pioneer Buried at Home Cemetery Wed.

CORSICANA, Dec. 26—Funeral services for E. Wiley Johnson, 80, long time resident of Navarro County, who died at his home here on West Sixth Avenue early Tuesday following a brief illness, were held at the Third Avenue Presbyterian Church at 10:30 o'clock Wednesday morning. Rev. I. T. Jones, pastor of the church, officiated. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery. Pallbearers were the official board of the church, L. H. Lee, F. N. Drane, S. M. Kerr, Cal E. Kerr, W. E. Pugh, B. I. Finch, W. R. Pressley, H. D. Fillers, C. W. Taylor, M. H. DeWitt, Robert Stell, J. A. Jarrell, R. N. Elliott, R. E. Prince, A. S. Vann, Dr. Harry Ezelle, Ralph Stell, A. G. Elliott, Donald Smith, H. E. Wassell, Herbert Gribble, William Boltz and J. M. Pugh.

Mr. Johnson is survived by his wife and the following children: Congressman Luther A. Johnson, Corsicana; Ernest N. and W. Hugh Johnson, Dallas; R. Douglass Johnson, treasurer of the Federal Land Bank, Houston; W. Neil Johnson, Corsicana; Mrs. Chas. L. Knox and Mrs. W. P. McCammon, Corsicana; Mrs. N. David McKee, Dallas; Miss Minnie Johnson, Corsicana. He is also survived by several grandchildren and one great grandchild.

### HEROIC WORK TO SAVE MAN'S LIFE

[By United Press]

PUT-IN-BAY, Ohio, Dec. 26.—Citizens here today worked in sub-zero weather building a sledge to rush island physician, Dr. H. L. Sowash over the ice to the mainland where facilities may be had to save his life. Dr. Sowash is slowing bleeding to death and must be rushed to Sandusky, twelve miles away, if he is saved. The sledge is to be drawn by residents of the island.

### Loses Young Bride in Far Northland.

DEAN WHEELER

Dean Wheeler, of Wichita, Kas., took his bride to the Northwest Angle country of Minnesota to file a homestead. Less than a month later he took her body back to her home for burial. She had been stabbed to death. At first it was thought death was accidental, but investigation by the authorities of Warroad and Baudette, Minn., and by an aged trapper, led to the issuance of a warrant for Tony Reamer, a trapper, whose advances she is said to have repulsed.

### Harding's Sister Realtor's Bride.

MISS ABIGAIL HARDING

Miss Abigail Victoria Harding, sister of the late President Harding, was married recently to Ralph T. Lewis, real estate broker of Marion, Ohio, after a romance which began years ago. The ceremony was performed in the home of Dr. George T. Harding, father of the bride. She and the groom are honeymooning in Bermuda.

## POLICE HUNT TWO AS ASSAILANTS OF BOY HURT IN NIGHT

Laying unconscious, two scars on his head bleeding, Frank Bain, son of R. B. Bain, transfer man, was found at midnight Wednesday night near the Mexia Compress and rushed to the Brown hospital, where medical attention was given him. Police are investigating the case, and expect to make arrests of two young men, with whom young Bain is said to have had a tilt earlier Wednesday evening.

Finding the unconscious man face upward near the sidewalk, police believed him dead. An investigation showed him alive and a Riddle company ambulance was called and the youth sent to the hospital.

Bain has been released from the hospital and is aiding officers in the search for the two alleged assailants. The injuries to young Bain were inflicted with a heavy stone, it is said. The youth says he had taken up a quarrel of his younger brother and was able to hold his own until two men attacked him at the same time.

## Christmas Fire Destroys Garage And Three Cars

Fire of unknown origin early Christmas morning destroyed the garage and blacksmith shop of Edward Shorter, corner Carthage and Belknap streets, together with three automibles and shop equipment of the concern.

The fire department responded to calls for aid and prevented a spread of the fire. The building was of frame and sheet iron construction. No estimate of the loss has been given by the fire department or the owner.

The fire occured at 1:15 a. m.

## Mercury Rises In City After Wave

After one of the coldest Christmas days Mexia has seen in many years, the mercury began to rise Friday and warmer weather was promised. Christmas day the mercury of the thermometer of the official weather observer, Miss Josephine Newman, registered 27 degrees as the lowest and 37 at the highest point, but Thursday night a considerable drop was experienced when 18 degrees was registered.

The lowest point between Christmas night and Friday morning was but three degrees above the lowest point of the cold wave, which was reached just a week before.

## BODY IS FOUND DURING BURIAL SERVICES OF SISTER

[By United Press]

HILLSBORO, Texas, Dec. 26.—While funeral services were being held for his sister, Sidney Hawkins, farmer, was found dead in a cistern here late Thursday. He was last seen leaving his sister's house after her death Sunday and was thought by his wife to be at the home of his parents until Thursday. It is thought that Hawkins stumbled into the cistern and was killed.

## Unique Probe Is Being Carried On Back of Scenes

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Unique congressional investigation is being quietly conducted behind the scenes in the Senate.

Dodging publicity, Senator James H. Couzen, Michigan, Republican, is now probing the United States Steel Corporation, Henry Ford, Harry Sinclair, J. D. Rockefeller, J. P. Morgan and practically every big business corporation in the United States. His intention is to ascertain how and what income taxes they are paying and he expects his inquiry to develop proof for vital changes in present taxation system.

## "Kid's" Fate Now In Jury Hands

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 26.—Sometime today Kid McCoy's fate will be in the hands of the jury and before nightfall he probably will know whether he is to be declared guilty of the murder of Mrs. Theresa Mors.

After Judge Charles Grail has given his final instructions, the nine women and three men who comprise the jury, will begin their deliberations.

Six findings are possible:

Guilty of murder in the first degree without recommendations.

Guilty and recommendations of life imprisonment.

Guilty of murder in second degree (carrying penalty of from ten years to life.)

Guilty of manslaughter (carrying penalty of one to fourteen years).

Not guilty.

Disagreement.

The Kid was depressed all day Christmas although several friends visited him. Scores of Christmas presents were received by jailers, but none were allowed to reach McCoy. Four of the eight former wives of the ex-pugilist sent him Christmas greetings.

"I loved but two women in my life," he said. "They are both dead—my mother and Tress Mors. I live for the day when I may meet them above."

### RELATIVES GATHER FOR BURNED VICTIMS FUNERAL IN OKLAHOMA

HOBART, Okla., Dec. 26.—Relatives of sixteen of the thirty three persons who died in a fire at Babbs Switch, south of here, held funeral services in the morgue here where the embered bodies lie today. Two thousand persons had gathered this afternoon for the union ceremonials for the victims. A similar funeral for the remaining seven victims will be held tomorrow.

### BOARD OF STEWARDS WILL MEET TONIGHT

The Board of Stewards of the Methodist church will meet tonight at 7:00 o5clock in the office of Dr. Linnie Metcalf. Every steward is urged to attend.

### THE WEATHER.

TEXAS—Tonight and Saturday generally fair and warmer. Minimum temperature, freezing.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Another cold wave will hit the northwest tonight and sweep southward across the middle and southwestern districts tomorrow, the weather bureau announced today. The wave is now at Alberta with a temperature of 40 below zero.

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# No Foul Play In Millionaire Orphans Death

[By United Press]

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Cursory examination of the body of William McClintock, "millionaire orphan", has failed to reveal evidence of foul play, Dr. William D. McNally, coroner's chemist, declared today.

Chemical analysis of the vital organs now is under way by McNally and other physicians to determine whether the youth's death was the result of foul play.

State's Attorney Robert E. Crow, directing the investigation, will examine William D. Shepherd, foster father of Billy, some time tomorrow. Shepherd left Albuquerque, N. M. last night for Chicago to face intimations of "something wrong" in connection with his ward's death. Mrs. Shepherd has been ordered to stay in Albuquerque for her health, according to word to Crowe. The Shepherds left here shortly after the youth died and publication of will bequeathing them the bulk of the fortune.

Chief Justice Harry Olson of the municipal court and for many years associated closely with the McClintock family, expects to confer with Crowe and other officials today to reveal "interesting data". Justice Olson, one of the prime factors in starting the investigation, has made a personal investigation and it is stated he would make important disclosures "in due time."

Several persons were summoned for questioning by Crowe today. Miss Isabelle Pope, North Shore society girl, who was to have married Billy, may give further details of her experiences with the Shepherds.

Isabelle told of the sudden coolness of Shepherd when the engagement was announced. Under the will Isabelle is to receive an annuity of $8,000.

Maria Gartner, former maid in the McClintock-Shepherd home, who witnessed the will and doctors Rufus S. Stolp and James B. Herrick, who attended the youth, were among the witnesses today.

Stories of alleged peculiar treatment of Billy by the Shepherds are being brought to Crowe. One informant told Crowe that after Billy's mother died in 1909, the Shepherds moved the child into a small room over the kitchen. There Billy slept with Shepherd by his side, while Mrs. Shepherd occupied a palatially furnished bedroom, according to the story.

Alexander F. Reichmann, an attorney and also an acquaintance of the McClintock family, told Crowe he tried to have Mrs. Shepherd removed as Billy's guardian. This was when Billy was still a child. The Shepherds took Billy around the country so much of the time that Reichmann said he feared for the child's health and mental development. Reichmann also said that Billy was planning to sell the old homestead and purchase a smaller one for his bride. A new will was planned by the orphan in which the Shepherds were to be given an annuity, Reichmann said.

Crowe said today that if the chemical analysis of the vital organs indicate the slightest suspicion that death was not the result of natural causes, he would place the case before the January grand jury. Death, according to the attending physician was due to typhoid.

## PROMINENT IN THE DAY'S NEWS.

Above: MRS. HENRY A. BISHOP & MRS. GUINEVERE GOULD
Below: JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, SR. & CAPT. G. P. D'OISY.

Captain Georges D'Oisy, French aviator, who flew from Paris to Tokio last Summer, will attempt a non stop, twenty-hour flight from Paris to Lake Chad, in Central Africa, a hop of 2,600 miles, shortly. Denial has been made that John D. Rockefeller, Sr., is ill at his Pocantico Hills home, his secretary declaring Rockefeller may leave for Florida next week. Mrs. Guinevere Sinclair Gould, widow of George J. Gould, is fighting to prove false an allegation that George J. Gould was not the father of her children. Mrs. Henry A. Bishop, nee Gloria Gould, was one of the chief witnesses in the $62,000,000 accounting suit of the Jay Gould estate, held in New York City.

# Four Cold Wave Chicago Victims

[By United Press]

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Four persons died here as result of the intense cold of the past 24 hours. The sub-zero weather will lift today, the Weather Bureau stated.

Numerous fires were caused by over-heated furnaces. Fire in a hotel drove scores of guests to the street in night attire.

Christmas Day, with 6 below zero the coldest here in 52 years.

Considerable suffering was reported from the poorer sections, where lack of fuel drove families to police stations for help.

T. A. White and wife accompanied by their son Phil visited Mrs. White's Brother and family T. F. Smith in Dallas Christmas and returned to Mexia on the noon train Friday.

Phil Ross and wife a former oil operator of Mexia but now living in Seattle Washington is visiting in the home of his Sister Mrs. T. B. Chatham for the Holidays.

Mrs. C. L. Pittman, wife of the chief of the fire department, is seriously ill at her home, suffering with pneumonia.

J. D. Arrington returned with his son Oran to San Antonio Friday on the noon train on business trip over Sunday.

Euel Hall spent Christmas day with his parents at Hillsboro.

FOR RENT—Bed room for two men. Mrs. H. G. Cochran, 503 S. Kaufman St. 26X2

JULES DESBOIS, sculptor and one of France's grand old men, seen in his Paris studio, with completed Puvis de Chavannes monument. A copy of the monument is to be erected in Boston.

The latest development of the X-ray apparatus takes the form of a small, portable machine for the use of employes of electric light companies. It is designed to enable the men to see the electric wiring, to locate faults and the like without tearing out the walls or taking up the flooring under which the wires are laid.

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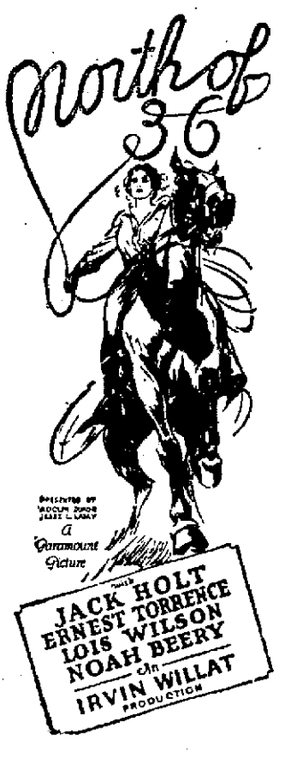


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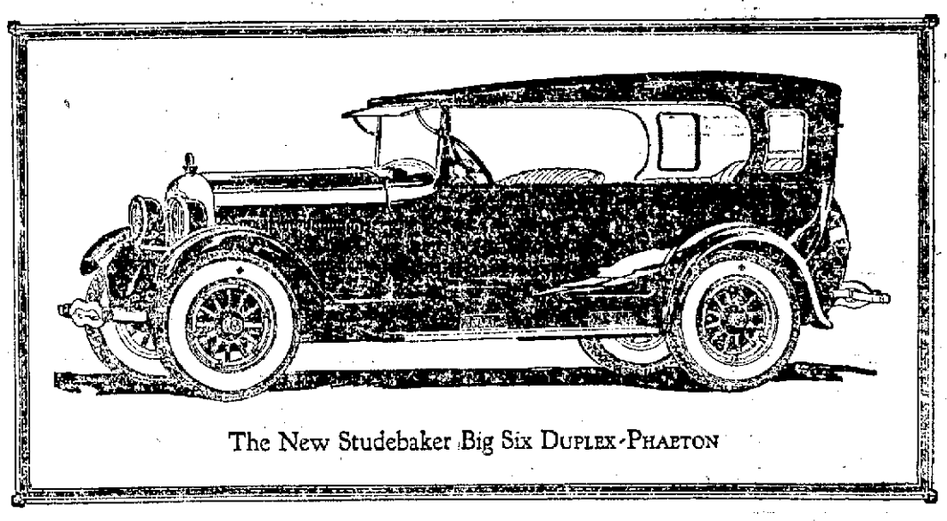

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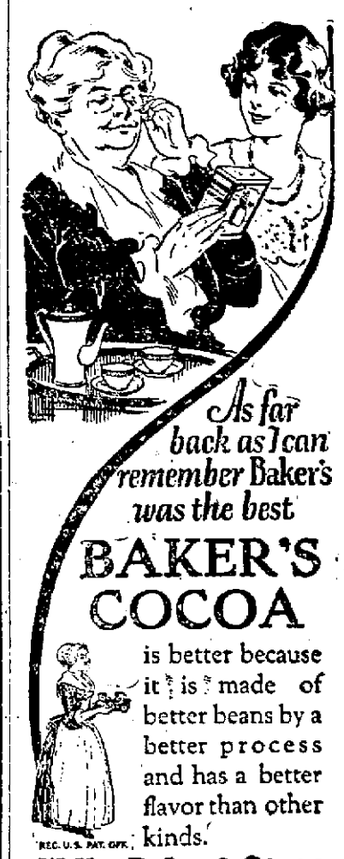

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## Telegrapher on Trial as Girl's Slayer.

VENA MOORE & C. A. ROWARK, INVZ.

C. A. Roark, Detroit telegrapher, is on trial for his life as the alleged slayer of pretty Miss Vena Moore, who was employed in the same office. Roark has maintained complete silence concerning the tragedy. His young wife is prostrated, but hopes he will be absolved.

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# SEVERAL AREAS WATCHED FOR NEW POOLS OF OIL

It is now a question as to whether Bazette or the Groesbeck area is to be the next to furnish a Mexia Balconnes fault field. Trading is active around Bazette, according to local oil men who are keeping an eye on this Northeast Navarro County territory. Many of the major companies hold protection properties there and the new year is expected to witness new wildcat tests. Southwest of here, across the Navasota river and from four to eight miles from the old producing area of the Mexia Golden lane, lies a district in which much confidence is expressed by geologists and oil men who have operated in this part of Texas for the last several years. Most of the acreage is under lease, some of which is in large blocks and it is declared that conditions are much similar to those existing at Wortham prior to its discovery. New tests are expected to go down there following January the first. At both Bazetto and Groesbeck, gas has been encountered and in the latter area both gas in considerable proportions and a good oil showing. The Texas Company and the Pure have been among the major operators taking a prominent lead in wildcat activity there.

At Kosse, southwest of the freak Humphreys Jones gusher, nearly two miles, the C. H. Harrison et al Preston 1 is drilling below 3,000 feet. It has about 600 feet to go before reaching the depths at which the Woodbine sands are believed to be located there. It will be some ninety days, under normal conditions, before that test gets down, however, it is believed here. Many are confident that it, too, will be sure pool for 1925 in this part of Texas.

With these three fault areas to be given a thorough probe in 1925, the year promises greater activity than ever. This is further augmented by the increasing number of operators drawn to this section by the November discovery of the Wortham Oil field.

Along the railway line of the Southern Pacific from Dallas to Houston, the tourist may now see all of the fields, which are almost continuous for thirty-five miles may be added. There are more than 2,-000 derricks up in these fields, where five years there was not a one and not a barrel of oil visible. In addition to these a thousand or more have been erected over tests that did not come in.

Also, off what is known as the fault line, wildcats are yet drilling. It is understood that the Speight 1 of Z. Gardner south of Mexia six miles is to be drilled some thirty feet deeper. The area Northwest, near Tehuacana too is still holding some attention. Patty et als Hornbeck 1 is being closely watched and much acreage between there and the proven area at Worthan is leased.

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**Girl's Coat Trimmed with Fur**

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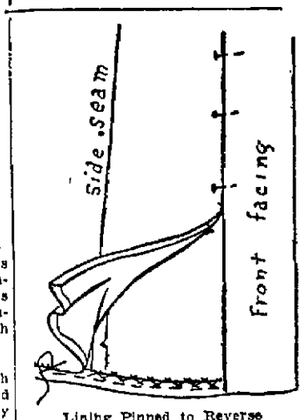
The cape collar featured on this model suggests the Directoire influence so much emphasized in modes for grown-ups. The model is in cranberry red broadcloth trimmed with squirrel.

Very smart indeed is the coat with choker collar for young girls, and this model has the collar and many other features to distinguish it as a Paris model. It calls for 2½ yards of material 54 inches wide, with 2¾ yards of 36-inch silk for the lining.

The sides and back are gathered with double rows of shirring, leaving the front straight. If preferred, however, the shirring may be limited to the sides, leaving the back to hang in straight effect as does the front. Long, close-fitting sleeves that end in cuffs of the squirrel are both smart and comfort affording.

The cape is lined with the material used for the coat lining and requires three-quarters of a yard in addition to the figures already given. The diagram shows how to sew the lining in the coat. Allow for a plait in the center of the back, then cut the lining the same size as the coat. Put together just as the coat is made, and when the coat is finished, add the lining, basting and pinning it down closely, seam over seam. The edge of the coat is turned up and catch-stitched. The lower edge of the lining is turned under, then basted over the turn-under edge of the coat. Sew with fine hemming or over-casting stitches.

A less expensive trimming and one that is equally smart for the coat is embroidered braid, which may be used for the collar and cuffs. Or, the home dressmaker, may be still more economical and use bands of the coat-material trimming them with braiding or a simple embroidery design. The smartest materials used for girls' coats this season are the kasha fabrics, broadcloth, the closely trimmed pile materials and velvet.




Lining Pinned to Reverse Side of Coat

# Knights Templar Installation And Christmas Service

Christmas morning at 10:30 Cour de Lion Commandery, Knights Templar, met in the Masonic hall for the installation of officers and a Christmas service.

Past Commander J. F. Denning, assisted by Past Master N. P. Houx, installed the new officers recently elected for the ensuing year.

After this the Christmas Service was conducted by Sir Knights E. H. Hudson, Perlato, and W. B. Andrews, the talk by Sir Knight Andrews being very appropriate and impressive.

A large number of Sir Knights, including several from Teague and Wortham, attended the meeting, which was pronounced by all an enjoyable affair.

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A short program was rendered by the little folks under the direction of Mrs. Hamilton of the Salvation Army. Mr. J. K. Hughes made an appropriate speech to the little folks that was appreciated by all, especially the children, as it was for them especially.

Santa Claus then arrived and was loudly cheered by the children, and he proceeded to distribute the liberal supply of presents, and brought gladness to many little hearts. There was an abundance for all present, and then some, the overflow being set aside for some families who could not attend.

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"The nicest people I ever saw," is the opinion of Chief Mace of the population of Mexia and the oil field workers who have crowded here during the Wortham rush.

Liquor was conspicious by its absence, the police chief says, pointing out that most of the drunkenness cases were from vanilla extract, Jamacia ginger and other such liquids, not generally considered as liquor.

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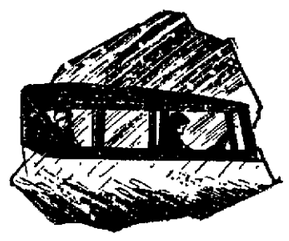

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The tale is told that everytime there comes a sort of lull or breathing spell for Mexia that someone goes out and brings in a Mexia fault feild. Then the race is on again.

At any rate it is admitted here that there is no busier place in Texas, year in and year out, than right here in Mexia. First came Mexia, then Currie, then Fishpond wells, then the freak gusher at Kosse, then Richland, then Powell, then New Richland, then Northeast Mexia, then Wortham. All these have been discovered in the past four years. This time five years ago not a one of these fields were known and hardly a derrick for a deep test could be seen in all this section.

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There is a feeling, too, that the triumphs of the past will be repeated in the next four years. Mexia seems to be in the very heart of the richest oil and gas resources of America.

It is now a question as to whether Bazette or Groesbeck is to be the next oil field. Big companies are getting a stronger foothold than ever on Bazette and many of them have long had acreage in the Groesbeck district from 8 to 14 miles southwest of Mexia. Crowding both of these, too, is the Kosse territory. The Preston well being drilled by Harrison et al there is now below 3,000 feet, with but 600 feet more to go.

These three mentioned are all on the Mexia Balconnes fault and are looked upon as sure to be added to the fields now in within the next few years at least.

Getting away from the Fault, other fields too may be discovered.

At any rate, it is safe to assert that Mexia as an oil center is now on the same basis with the very best in the State.

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The city has the same post office building that it had four years ago, when the population was less than four thousand. Yet there are now over 15,000 people here and all along has been between 8,000 and 10,000, more than double the population of the years before the discovery of oil.

The government understands fully that it cannot always jump in and build a big fine building everytime a town has a boom. If it pursued this policy it would soon have a vast number of nearly empty buildings, as boom after boom passes. It would involve a huge sum of Uncle Sam's money. But Mexia has proven herself to be out of the usual class of boom towns. She had her oil rush, but instead of resulting in the ultimate reduction of population, it has built the town into more than double its former size and is now on the high road to growth that will surely place it on an equal with the largest cities of Central Texas, Waco alone excepted.

The building is inadequate to meet the demands of Mexia even in ordinary days and right now larger facilities are actually demanded, though, of course, the demand cannot be met promptly, it seems. One cannot but feel a little nervous in going in the building on North Sherman Street. The floors are creaky and then one hears about the back end falling out a few days ago. It is crewded from front to rear, from top to bottom and how in the world the postal employes give the service they are rendering under the conditions is a puzzle most difficult to solve.

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And yet perhaps the hand of fate
Will never be so kind
But take my friends off, one by one
And leave me here behind.

The new year now approaches us
And who, but the Gods, may know
What it may bring, to the Pawns of Fate
Of trouble or worry or woe.

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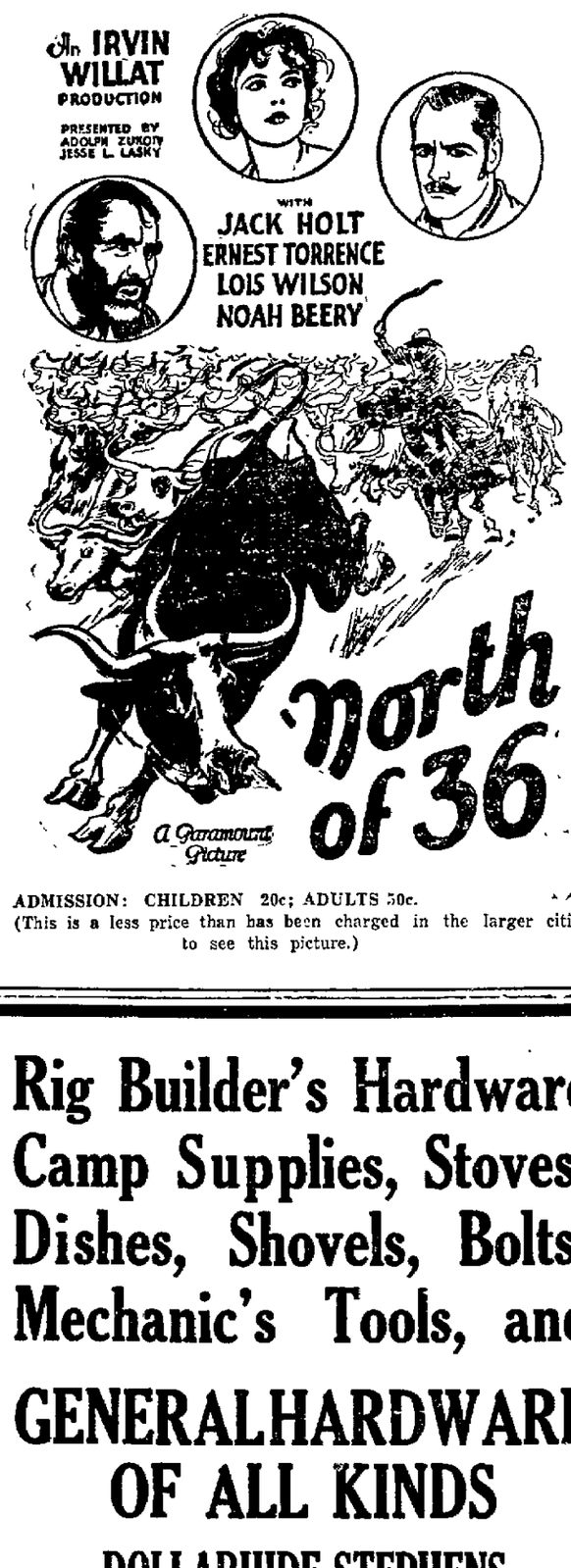


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# Despite Politics, Italy Was Prosperous In 1924

By THOMAS G. MORGAN
(United Press Staff correspondent)

ROME, Dec. 27.—Italy through 1924 was replete with marked political vicissitudes, favored with unusual diplomatic success and blessed with a large measure of industrial and commercial prosperity.

At the beginning of the year, Premier Mussolini's government enjoyed a popularity no other Italian government had enjoyed for decades. Toward the end, that popularity changed to an undisguised antipathy.

The old parliament, against which much had been said for its weakness, still held over, but in February by the King's decree, that parliament was dissolved and new elections ordered for April 6. The elections were held under a new law, according to the provisions of which, the party amongst the numerous Italian parties securing the largest number of votes would be allotted automatically 356 seats out of the 535 in the Italian Chamber of Deputies. The remaining 179 seats were to be divided amongst the whole of the remaining parties in proportion to the number of votes polled. The elections resulted in a Fascist victory, 365 Fascist deputies taking their places in parliament.

The new parliament met for the first time on May 25, opened in full ceremonial by King Victor. To add to the strict form, deputies were ordered to wear full dress suits, according to an old Italian usage. Mussolini and his ministers donned full martial uniforms. The King's message was delivered and was mainly devoted to an appeal to the spiritual unity of the country and internal tranquility.

Despite the two-thirds majority which the Fascists held, the sessions of the parliament were turbulent. The Socialists were the most numerous of the minority parties with a representation of 65. Their chief spokesman was a young deputy, representing the city of Rome Giacomo Matteotti. He vehemently attacked the government for their repressive measures and was censured to make sensational exposures before the Chamber on June 10. On June 10 Deputy Matteotti was mysteriously kidnaped near his home and whisked into the Roman countryside. His disappearance exploded that he had been assassinated. Later in August, his body was found in a thicket, 18 mile from Rome. Several Fascisti chiefs were arrested charged with complicity and several lesser chiefs with having perpetrated the bloody affair.

From that incident, the prestige of the Fascist party began its decline. There was a complete turn in the popular mind. Succeeding events served to accentuate the repugnance. A strict press decree was passed and the right of freedom of assembly and speech curtailed. The local administrations in the provinces were in many cases dissolved and commissioners sent from Rome to administer the local affairs. On September 12, an irresponsible shot and killed Signor Armando Casalini, a Fascist deputy. In late November, several exposures were made charging Deputy Italo Balbo, generalissimo of the Fascist militia, with ordering the clubbing of opposition voters.

Through the recurrence of these adverse circumstances, Mussolini was able to retain his post as premier due to the large majority which the peculiar electoral law had given him. There was however, a strong nucleus of former supporters arrayed against. These included Former premiers Giolitti and Orlando and the ex-servicemen.

In the diplomatic field Mussolini's success was phenomenal. His negotiations with Yougo-Slavia brought a prize for which all other Italian governments had been angling since the war, namely, the annexation of Fiume to Italy. This treaty was signed on January 27. The King personally performed the formal ceremony of annexing Fiume to Italy on March 16, amidst the indescribable enthusiasm of the Italian inhabitants of the town and thousands who had journeyed from the rest of the kingdom.

A treaty very favorable to Italy was signed with the Russian Soviets who were formally recognized by Italy on February 7. Numerous commercial and comity treaties followed. On July 14, another treaty of commerce and navigation was signed with Yougo-Slavia. On July 15, the treaty formally annexing African Jubaland to Italy was signed with England. An economic treaty was signed with Austria on July 16. Switzerland signed an arbitration and commercial treaty with Italy on Sept. 20, while Finland followed with a general treaty on October 22.

The position of Italy in international affairs has been regarded as greatly enhanced by the numerous treaties. In December, the council of the League of Nations met in Rome.

In internal economic affairs, the country arrived at heights hitherto untouched since before the war. The Italian State budget which had an adverse balance of two billions at the beginning of 1924, has been balanced and fiscal measures undertaken by the ministry of finance are expected to greatly strengthen the state financially.

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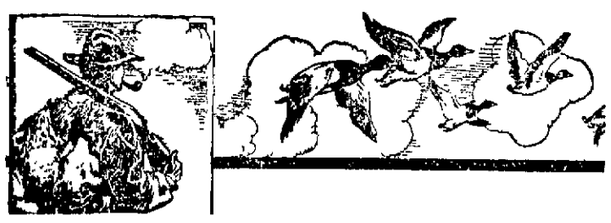

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# SPORTLIGHTS

By HECK

You gotta hand it to me for picking winners and giving the correct scores on my dope. I picked Waco to beat Oak Cliff 3 to 0 and Oak Cliff won 30 to 0—I only missed it 27 points which is close for me.

To Santa Claus:

Please bring Mexia a baseball manager that will bring us a pennant winner and please Mr. Santa Claus bring us a new set of wolves—those that will back the home team, win, lose or draw and above all bring your greatest peace offering and scatter it generously around the T. A. circuit.

Coach Poteet is having his troubles in getting a Black Cat basketball squad lined up and it looks to me like some of the Cats are a little shy in having the public take a slant at the pedal extremeties.

Well, you can't blame some of the Cats for not wanting to show off their bow legs, knock knees, etc., ad lib, et al.

According to the dope I get it looks like Frank Mathews will be the next manager of our Gushers and if such be the case I want to hand it to the local moguls for their good judgment. Mathews is a second baseman of many years experience and has a great record as a manager in the minor leagues and if he don't underrate the speed of the T. A. loop as so many have done in the past he should bring the Gushers under the wire a winner.

Another thing about Mathews—he sure can pole the old pellet for a fur piece—in fact, he has always stood high as a hitter in the minor loops.

The meeting scheduled for last Sunday among the T. A. moguls was again called off so guess we will have to wait until sometime in January for the annual jamboree with Harry Dupuy who wants to withdraw the Waco franchise from the circuit. From where I sit it looks like Harry will "want" and that will be all.

Right now it looks like Mexia will be the best playing date in the league next season and I understand that the local owners are going to increase the seating capacity of Nowlin park to five thousand and I hope they do for it will be needed many times during the coming season.

Had a letter from Umpire Tom Price who asked me to give you fans his best wishes and along with it

AT 28, PHILLIPE BARRES, son of Maurice Barres, the great French author who died not long ago, has published his first book, "Pa Guerre a Ving rans." In his book he seems to follow in his father's foot steps without losing his own personal touch

Tom tips me off that he will handle the indicator in the Pacific Coast League next season and I know you fans will join me in wishing the genial Tom the best of luck.

To my mind Tom Price is the best umpire that ever trod the sod of the T-A loop and I might say any other minor league and because he loved the class D leagues he refused advancement many times to the leagues of higher classification.

The players and fans will miss Price next season—miss his genial smile, funny stories and alround regular fellowship which has never varied during my fifteen years friendship with him.

Price has one rule that I think every umpire should adopt and that is: the fans comes first, the player afterwards. Price always insisted that the fans were entitled to what they paid for—"a ball game"—and that is why he always hustled and kept the players on the jump every minute of the time and in this respect I think Price has no superior in the minor leagues.

Good luck, Tom, we are all with you back here.

Here's my pick for the All-American:

Ends—Abie the agent and Jeff.

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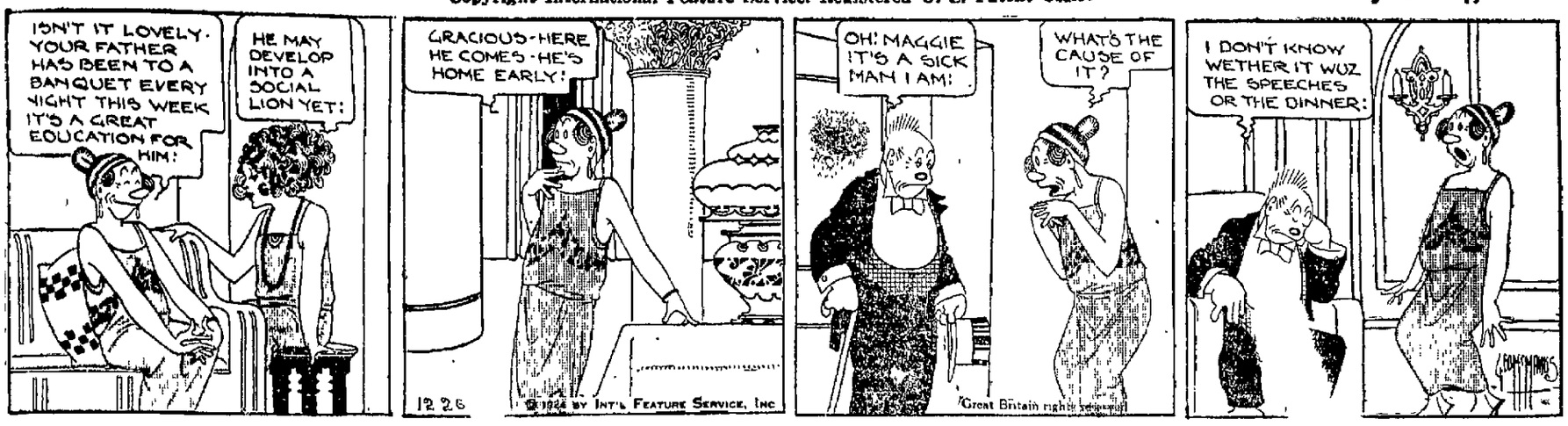
By George McManus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STRAYED—Black and bay horses, about 1300 pounds, notify Black-Sivalls and Bryson, phone 45. 21X3

LOST—Big white bull dog with black eyes. Also fox terrier, reward, Mrs. Irwin at W. A. Jacksons. 21X2

FOUND—Fur choker on Commerce street Wednesday morning. Owner can have same by identifying and paying for this ad 21X2

LOST—Pair mules, one red horse mule and one bay horse mule about 14 hands high, regard, notify G. T. Terry, Teague, Texas. 26X1

FOR RENT—Two furnished bed rooms, 295 S. Ross Ave. Call 101J. 26X2

REWARD for information, some one took a ladies purse in the P. O. this morning, will pay suitable reward for any information. M. L. KINNISON National Supply, phone 417 or 476. 21X3

LOST Between Cooledge and Wortham black hat box containing ladies and mens clothes. Lost Sunday morning. Return to News Office and receive liberal reward. Mrs. Arlen James, general delivery, Granger, Texas. 26-1

LOST, Strayed or stolen, 1 sorrel mule with dark mane about 15½ or 16 hands high, 1 sorrel mule about 15 hands high, red or roan mane (both horse mules) were necked together when last seen, largest mule has small brand on left jaw. Reward for return of same to F. R. KLOTZ, Mexia, Texas. 17X7

### For Rent Rooms

YOUNG ROOMS—Beds 50c in tent house, for respectable men only, clean safe and quiet, electric light and gas, 207 Red River, 5 blocks east of City Hall, Main and Red River, next to corner. 18X7

FOR RENT to gentlemen or couple, nice front bed room next to bath, hot and cold water, 401 S. Kaufman St., phone 218 26X1

FOR RENT—Nice bed room for 4 men, gas, new house, modern conveniences, 812 E. Carthage, phone 656 J. 23X1

SLEEPING room, modern in private home for 2 men, 603 S. McKinney Ave. 23X1

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FOR RENT—Bed room for two or three men. Gas heat and electric lights. Klotz Hardware Store on Milam, first house East Ross. 22X1

### Help Wanted

WANTED—One small second hand cash register; must be priced right. See C. H. Morgan at News office.

Laborers wanted, Atlantic tank farm 3 miles southeast of Wortham, good camp, Kansas City Structural Steel Co. 21X7

WANTED—White laborers. Apply Boyd Tank Farm or catch our truck H. & T. C. Depot seven each morning, Klaever Moreland, contractors. 26-1

WANTED—One first class auto mechanic at Sterling Garage call Mr. Merrick, phone 575. 21X2

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FOR SALE—5 room house with screened in porch, all modern conveniences, large lot and 4 stall garage, see property at 500 East Bowie Street. 18-5.

FOR SALE—37 room apartment house completely furnished, clear of debt, at a sacrifice, terms, call owner, Mrs. J. M. Jemison, phone 633 or 834 E. Commerce. 21X3

FOR SALE—One lot 50 feet front by 125 feet deep on pavement. Water piped on lot. Pavement paid for. Will make a sacrifice for cash for $350. See E. HALL at Neece Lumber Co. or call 35. 21Xtf

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South Bound.

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| No. 38 | Austin-SA . ... ..... | 12:21 a. m. |
| No. 18 | Houston . . . ..... | 1:57 a. m. |
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North Bound.
No. 8 ..... ..... 2:31 P. M.
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No. 7 ..... ..... 12:24 P. M.

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## CHIEF FIGURES IN THE NEWS OF THE DAY

Above, SEN GEORGE W NORRIS & LADY LUDLOW
Below, FRITZ KREISLER & RUPERT HUGHES

As Fritz Kreisler, world famous violinist, was about to begin a concert in Vienna, he received a letter, signed by men who said they were discharged officials with starving families, telling him there would be an accidental" shooting unless $700 were forthcoming. No arrests were made. Rupert Hughes, novelist and motion picture writer, whose first wife committed suicide in Indo-China a year ago is soon to be married to Patterson Dial, a motion picture actress of Los Angeles. In attacking the Underwood bill to lease Muscle Shoals to a private corporation, U. S Senator George W Norris declared the lease "would make Teapot Dome look like a pin head." A London paper declares the famous $500,000 gem collection of Lady Ludlow stolen from Bath House, her London residence, has been returned. The paper makes the amazing declaration that the jewels were stolen by thieves who acted for a Chicago millionaire, whose heart ached for the collection, but that he died before the thieves could turn them over to him.

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# Wortham To Take First Place In Production Column

## PEAK IS DELAYED BY COLD SPELL OF THE PAST 10 DAYS

The persistent cold wave of the past ten days has set back the peak of the drilling campaign and production at least until the latter part of February. More cold will delay these events to a later date. This is the opinion of operators and oil men in this district who are participating in the activities at Wortham.

Both cold snaps have hampered activity considerably as the weather has been so inclement that men hesitated to face the wind and freeze. Traffic to the field of pipe lines frustrated and the building of steel storage slowed up, while no new derricks have been added during the bad spell. Under normal weather conditions at least a hundred derricks would have been erected, added to the 300 now up.

The water problem remains unsolved. No gain surface water supplies was recorded during the freeze and wells dependent upon water pipe lines are yet idle, pending the repair of frozen up and broken lines.

With a dozen wells in the production column, yielding between 65,000 and 70,000 barrels daily, Wortham has risen to second place in Texas production, being exceeded only by Powell. Within the next few days, before the first of the New Year the five weeks old district will be in first place, with production nearing the 100,000 barrels mark. With fair weather, the week just opening should witness the addition of at least twelve more producers, that many now being either ready to set cement or ready to drill in.

Since the freeze curtailed production in the old Mexia field and at Powell, too, as well as in other Mid-Continent producing areas, the influence of the Wortham field has not been as obvious on total production reports as it otherwise would have been. Some hopes are entertained for an increase in crude prices, especially by Spring.

The Humphreys Boyd Company still leads both in number of producers and in daily production, with the Pure next and the E. L. Smith Oil Company next. The Humble has also entered the production list and several other wells to be added during the next few days. Strube and Strube also entered the list of producers this week on its small block of the Lindley. Its well came in Wednesday night, making around 4,000 barrels.

## PIVOTAL POINTS IN DAY'S NEWS

Above: ELEANOR BARNES LEVY & JOHN McCORMACK
Below: WILLETTE KERSHAW & THOS. J. WALSH, mtr.

A complete denial that he was a victim of a blackmail plot has been made by John McCormack, noted tenor singer. According to a story told by Eleanor Barnes Levy, on trial in Boston for alleged blackmail, the tenor was mulcted of $100,000 after he carried to her room a young woman who had fallen in a hotel lobby and apparently sprained her ankle. "If such a trick were tried on me—and it wasn't, I say—it would be a case of millions for defense, but not one cent for tribute," McCormack declared. Miss Willette Kershaw, noted actress, says she is "through" with Americans as husbands. Her next, she is certain, will be a titled foreigner. Americans are all gold-diggers; Europeans, after all, are the only gentlemen, she delares. United States Senator Thomas J. Walsh's amendment to the Underwood Bill, leasing Muscle Shoals—an amendment providing in effect that the Government shall have control over rates charged for surplus power generated at Muscle Shoals—has been adopted by a vote of 41 to 29.

## First Presbyterians Have Xmas Tree

Wednesday night the First Presbyterian Sunday School had their annual Christmas tree, which was attended by nearly all members of the Sunday School, notwithstanding the cold weather.

The tree was loaded with toys and candy for the little ones, and some of the older ones also received useful presents. Santa Claus came on time and gladened the hearts of the little folks, and all went home enjoying the holidays.

### A BIG FOOT

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 26.—Because a clerk told her he hadn't a shoe to fit her foot when she attempted to buy herself a Christmas present, a portly matron of the Alamo City is sueing the store for $10,300.

Many social events are planned here this next week in honor of the Mexia students who are attending college and universities and who are home for the holidays.

## Matthews Will Is Contested

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 24—Suit for temporary injunction restraining J. D. and J. T. Matthews, Denve., from participating as beneficiaries in the $200,000 estate of R. T. G. Matthews, wealthy Texas cattleman, was filed in Federal court here today by Alice M. Matthews, New York, former Metropolitan Opera singer and widow of the late Matthews.

Mrs. Matthews, according to the petition, married Matthews in 1890. Separation followed in a few months although Matthews continued supporting his wife. It is under this agreement, it was understood, that her petition against the Denver Matthews was filed today, claiming they are not entitled to her dead husband's property.

The Mexia to Houston sleeper service has been resumed on the H. & T. C. The sleeper is set out here early at night and is being received gladly by the public.

R. G. Rooker spent the Christmas holiday in Dallas.

Rev. and Mrs. Victor K. Aubrey and son left Christmas morning by automobile for a few days visit with relatives in North Texas. Services Sunday at the Central Presbyterian church will be arranged by officers of the congregation. Rev. Aubrey will return in time to occupy the pulpit on New Years Sunday.

C. L. Tatum who was operated on for appendicitis the early part of the week is getting along nicely.

Rev. Victor K. Aubrey and family are visiting his parents in Denison.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Perkins are visiting his parents in McKinney.

Jimmie Stewart spent Christmas in Dallas.

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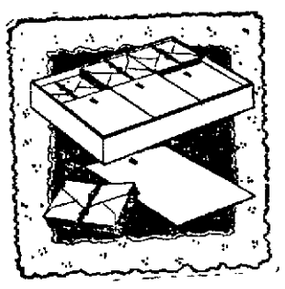

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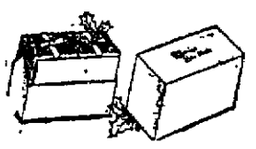

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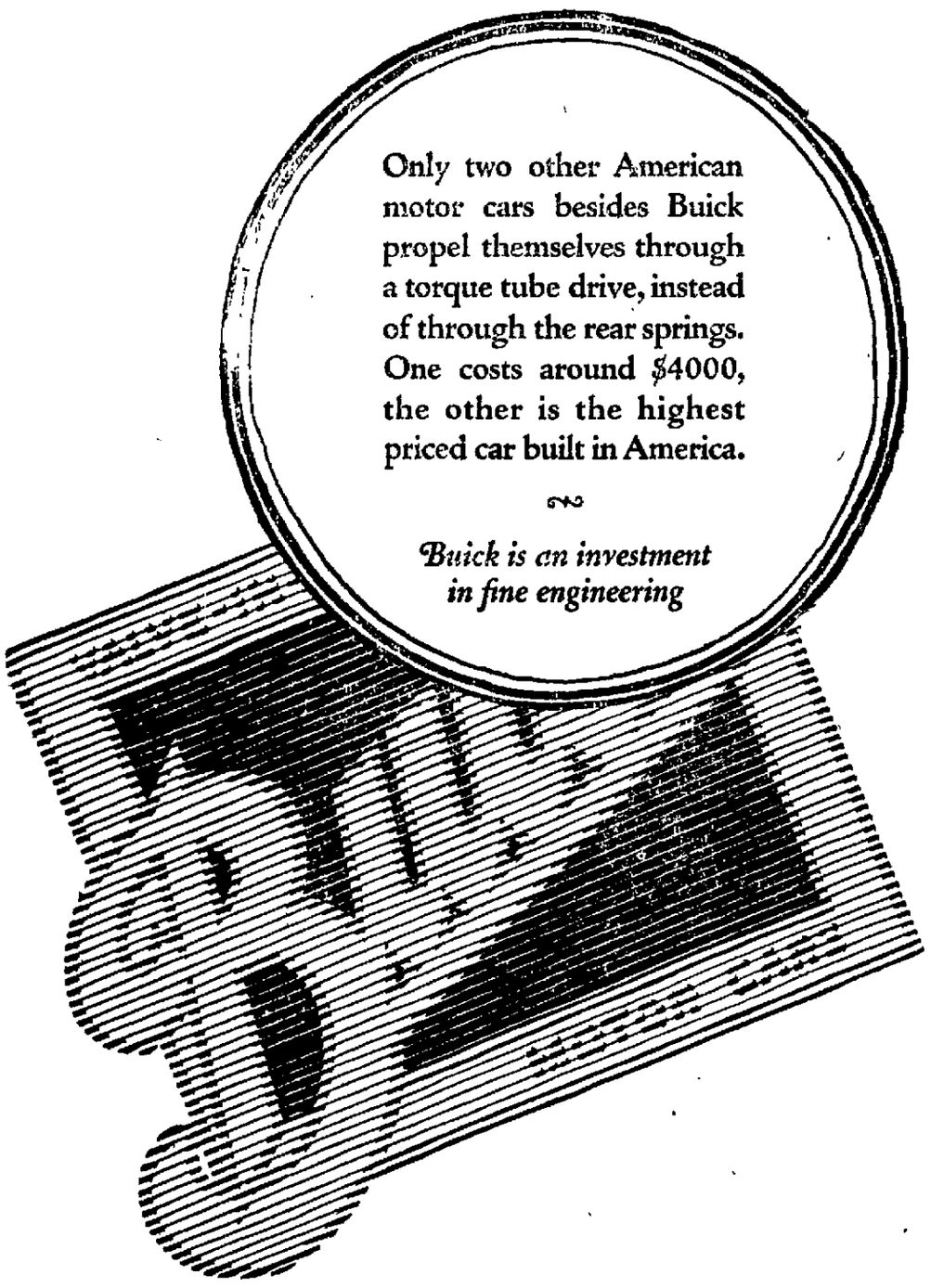
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# HILLSBORO MAN IS FOUND DEAD IN CISTERN

## GRIEF STRICKEN COMMUNITY IS BURYING ITS DEAD

[By United Press]

HOBART, Ok., Dec. 26—With Christmas a haunting memory, residents of Babb's Switch, small community seven miles south of here, gathered here today to bury the 33 men, women and children who perished in a disastrous Christmas eve party when fire made the community school house a death trap.

The charred remains of another body, believed to be Lilly Revill, was removed from the embers of what was District School No. 42, last night.

Four of the 37 injured are expected to die momentarily.

Resting in plain black caskets, the simplicity of which bore out their Puritanic mode of living, sixteen of the victims will be buried at a union funeral service here this afternoon. Rev. C. W. Estes, pastor of the Presbyterian church, selected to represent all denominations, will conduct the services.

Grim faced men, part of the 150 persons who escaped the licking tongues of the flames which enveloped the small one-story frame building when a tiny candle in the top of the large Christmas tree overturned, were busy burrowing graves into the ice-covered ground this morning.

Pathos stalked in after tragedy this morning when a large box of children's toys arrived from Muskogee, Ok., for the two score children who saw flames angrily engulf their presents which a Santa Claus had just started removing from the tree. Nearly fifty Muskogee children gathered at a mass meeting yesterday and decided to send their Christmas gifts to the little sufferers.

Funeral services for the remaining dead will be held tomorrow when additional graves can be dug in the frozen ground.

Andrew Jackson, hero of the holocaust, was called upon dozens of times today by grief-stricken relatives of victims who desired to hear the story of the Nation's most disastrous Christmas eve tragedy.

"A flimsy curtain behind which students of the school had remained before they stepped upon the school's stage to speak their Christmas pieces, caught fire when the tree overturned into the laps of those on the front row," he said. "I started for the door and got out. Then I saw my sister Vesta being milled under the feet of those fighting to get through the only exit.

"I couldn't get the heavy screens on the windows loose. It sickened me as I saw the people at the rear of the jam being seared by the fire. It was a living hell for them.

"I ran to the door and started pulling those who were wedged tight outside. There were over 200 pushing against them trying to get out. I couldn't reach my sister and I saw here disappear—and the flames just tore their way through those trying to get out."

## Tons of Christmas Mail Still In P. O. All Clerks Working

With a full force of clerks and carriers working as fast as possible Postmaster Isidore Newman expects to have the tons of Christmas packages and other mail cleared from his shelves in a few days. The entire force started early Friday and the day's delivery of mail promised to be one of the heaviest of the season.

Congestion due to increased population and cramped condition in the post office has taxed the capacity of the building and the force, bringing on the worst crowded condition the post office has known.

Long lines of persons waited at the general delivery windows Friday for Christmas mail as clerks served them as rapidly as possible.

### POISON LIQUOR DEATHS FALL OFF DURING 1924

[By United Press]

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Poison liquor claimed fewer lives this year than 1923, figures of the nation's principal cities indicated today. While hospitals are filled the number of fatalities is comparatively small.

### "Mr. A's" Uncle May Disinherit Him

MAHARAJAH SIR PRETEP SINGH.

Above is an exclusive photograph of Maharajah General Sir Pretep Singh, of Jemmu-Kashmir, one of the world's richest potentates. He is the uncle of the Rajah Sir Hari Singh, who is now known to have been the mysterious "Mr. A," from whom English blackmailers obtained $750,000 when they caught him in a Paris hotel with Mrs. Maude Robinson, wife of a bookmaker. Sir Hari, who is officially his uncle's heir, may be disinherited. It is reported from India.

## THIRTEEN BODIES RECOVERED IN VIRGINIA FLOOD

[By United Press]

SALTSVILLE, Va., Dec. 26.—Thirteen bodies had been recovered and seven are still missing today in the wake of a flood which destroyed Parmertown Christmas eve. The missing are thought by rescue workers to be dead, making a total casualties of 20. Of the 19 in hospitals several have contracted pneumonia as the result of exposure in the icy waters. Others were severely burned by alkali.

Four houses were swept away at Parmartown by the gush of alkali muck which raced down the valley when the dam crumbled under the pressure of flood waters. Most of the dead and missing were in these houses, according to W. A. Rogers, storekeeper, who is leading the relief work.

Little hope is held of finding the missing alive.

## Lightweight Guards Of S. M. U. Face Heavy Wesleyans

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 26.—Although S. M. U.'s two light regular guards will be outweighed when the Mustangs meet West Virginia Wesleyan at Fair Park Stadium on New Year's Day in the revival of the Dixie Stadium's intersectional classic, there will be no case of the good little men meeting the good big men. For the Bobcats' guards are not beefy either.

S. M. U.'s two regulars all year have been Russell McIntosh, 168 pounder, and Collis Irby, 166. Lake Morrison, the other player who lettered at guard, is the heaviest of the trio, 175. Wesleyan's left guard, Moore, weighs 168, and the other guard, Kemerer, 179. Nor is there a very heavy man in the four Higgins has in reserve, Trainer, the regular handicapped by illness all year, 171, Barber, 171, Nigel, 178, and Colombo, 169.

McIntosh is the star guard on this year's S. M. U. machine, Irby and Morrison being noted more for steadiness than brilliancy. The youthful Scotchman has learned a lot of football in four years and by close application and study has developed from the raw, apparently hopeless lineman he was at Bryan High in 1921, into one of the best guards in the Conference—a young man who covers an astonishing area of the gridiron, a ball-hawk who pounces on fumbles far to the left and right, and a clever diagnostician of the way to stop a play that has gained over him once if it is tried again.

## HOUSTON SCENE OF DEATHS OF VIOLENCE XMAS

[By United Press]

HOUSTON, Texas, Dec. 26.—One man committed suicide, another was shot down and a third was killed by an automobile here Christmas.

Leaving a note to his sweetheart that he could not live without her, Earl Richards, 30, sent a bullet thru his brain last night.

Christopher Diaz was riddled with bullets as he left his home late in the afternoon. W. J. McDavid is being held in connection with the shooting.

Pierto Giovinco was killed when he was hit by an automobile on the road near here.

## Smith Starts The Week off the Same As Last Period

The week opened this last Monday the same as it did the week before, with the E. L. Smith Oil Company bringing in the first producer of the week. The Smith Edwards 1 came in and made 500 barrels the first hour, lifting that company to second place in the Wortham field. The Company has its Edwards 2 going down rapidly and should be at production depths within the next ten days. It also has two more wells going down on the Beall. The Beal 1, brought in by the company two weeks ago, is producing around 3500 barrels daily. The number 2 is a North offset and the number 3 is a West offset to number 1. The acreage to the North of the Beall tract is held by the Humble Oil and Refining Company and that to the South is held by the Kirby Petroleum Company. The completion of the number 2 Bounds of the Pure Oil Company, expected this afternoon, which is North of its number 1, will give the field in that immediate territory a width already of about 4 locations.

The Smith Beall 1 is about 4 locations west of the line between the Humphreys Boyd Simmons 1 and the Atlantic-Humphreys Boyd-Penn et al McCorkle, extreme Northeast well. This indicates that much of the southeast part of the city of Wortham is in the proven area and that the field will be at least a quarter of a mile wide there.

## Confederate Idol Dies In Dallas

[By United Press]

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 26.—Gen. James M. Cochran, 78, veteran resident of Dallas county and Confederate army idol of the South, died in a hospital here last night of injuries sustained when he fell on an icy pavement a week ago.

General Cochran was born ten miles north of the city of Dallas June 1, 1846, just more than a month before the formation of Dallas county.

### May Succeed Gompers As Labor Chief.

WILLIAM GREEN

William Green, of Coshocton, O., secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers of America since 1912 and a vice-president of the American Federation of Labor since 1913, is being boomed as a successor to Samuel Gompers as President of the Federation.

### Actress Divorces Noted Tenor.

MRS. JOHN W. STEEL

Mrs. John W. Steel, widely known on the stage before her marriage as Sidonie Espero, has been granted a divorce in New York from the noted tenor. She named three young women of the "Follies." They and Steel indignantly denied the charges.

## Around The World Around The Clock

[By United Press]

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 26.—Two women, one more than 50 years old, the other 25, are in a serious condition in a hospital as result of drinking poison liquor here.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Three deaths from poisonous liquor was the toll of this city's fifth prohibition Christmas. Four of 22 other victims in hospitals, including one woman, may die. The death list last Christmas also was three.

Total dead from bad liquor for the current month is 34.

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 26.—With one hundred prisoners up for arraignment today as a result of William H. Walker's vigorous "dry" raids of the past few days, the assistant chief enforcement agent for the New York-New Jersey area declared the latter State "the wettest in the United States," and announced he will renew his seizures and arrests immediately.

Meanwhile, others, including the Federal prohibition director for New Jersey, Adrian G. Chamberlain, declare Walker's raids are inspired by enemies of Senator Edge, who has recently been under fire from ministers and "drys" because of an alleged liberal attitude toward the liquor question.

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—Two men and a woman died here during the night from a moonshine revel and five others are in hospitals as the result of drinking a mixture of canned heat and black coffee.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Death today of Moy Quong, wealthy leader of the On Leong faction in Chinatown here, may start another bloody tong war, police fear. Quong was shot down by two men last night in a laundry.

Two Chinamen are under arrest and others are being rounded up. Extra police are on guard to prevent a new outbreak.

WICHITA, aKs., Dec. 26.—Following his annual custom of feeding the poor of Wichita, Samuel B. Amidon, one of the most prominent lawyers of the Southwest, fed more than 2,500 persons on Christmas day.

### CHRISTMAS PACKAGE MAY PROVE DEADLY

LO SANGELES, Dec. 26.—Faced with the mysteries of Latin feudalism, police today moved slowly in search of suspects on bombing Ernest Tochia, Italian attorney, who was seriously injured when a Christmas package exploded in his hands. The attorney's condition today was pronounced "unchanged."

## EARLY MORNING WICHITA FALLS FIRE TAKES ITS TOLL

[By United Press]

WICHITA FALLS, Texas, Dec. 26.—Fire took a damage toll of $100,000 and injured night watchmen Bailey Kenley when an early morning blaze destroyed the top floor and roof of the Bob Waggoner Building, an eight story office building here today.

The fire started in the elevator house on the roof, eating its way through the eighth floor before firemen could reach the scene, Kenley was severely burned by steam but his condition is not considred serious.

## Corsicana Pioneer Buried at Home Cemetery Wed.

CORSICANA, Dec. 26.—Funeral services for E. Wiley Johnson, 80, long time resident of Navarro County, who died at his home here on West Sixth Avenue early Tuesday following a brief illness, were held at the Third Avenue Presbyterian Church at 10:30 o'clock Wednesday morning. Rev. I. T. Jones, pastor of the church, officiated. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery. Pallbearers were the official board of the church, L. H. Lee, F. N. Drane, S. M. Kerr, Cal E. Kerr, W. E. Pugh, B. I. Finch, W. R. Pressley, H. D. Fillers, C. W. Taylor, M. H. DeWitt, Robert Stell, J. A. Jarrell, R. N. Elliott, R. E. Prince, A. S. Vann, Dr. Harry Ezelle, Ralph Stell, A. G. Elliott, Donald Smith, H. E. Wassell, Herbert Gribble, William Boltz and J. M. Pugh.

Mr. Johnson is survived by his wife and the following children: Congressman Luther A. Johnson, Corsicana; Ernest N. and W. Hugh Johnson, Dallas; R. Douglass Johnson, treasurer of the Federal Land Bank, Houston; W. Neil Johnson, Corsicana; Mrs. Chas. L. Knox and Mrs. W. P. McCammon, Corsicana; Mrs. N. David McKee, Dallas; Miss Minnie Johnson, Corsicana. He is also survived by several grandchildren and one great grandchild.

### HEROIC WORK TO SAVE MAN'S LIFE

[By United Press]

PUT-IN-BAY, Ohio, Dec. 26.—Citizens here today worked in sub-zero weather building a sledge to rush island physician, Dr. H. L. Sowash over the ice to the mainland where facilities may be had to save his life. Dr. Sowash is slowing bleeding to death and must be rushed to Sandusky, twelve miles away, if he is saved. The sledge is to be drawn by residents of the island.

### Loses Young Bride in Far Northland.

DEAN WHEELER

Dean Wheeler, of Wichita, Kas., took his bride to the Northwest Angle country of Minnesota to file a homestead. Less than a month later he took her body back to her home for burial. She had been stabbed to death. At first it was thought death was accidental, but investigation by the authorities of Warroad and Baudette, Minn., and by an aged trapper, led to the issuance of a warrant for Tony Reamer, a trapper, whose advances she is said to have repulsed.

### Harding's Sister Realtor's Bride.

MISS ABIGAIL HARDING

Miss Abigail Victoria Harding, sister of the late President Harding, was married recently to Ralph T. Lewis, real estate broker of Marion, Ohio, after a romance which began years ago. The ceremony was performed in the home of Dr. George T. Harding, father of the bride. She and the groom are honeymooning in Bermuda.

## POLICE HUNT TWO AS ASSAILANTS OF BOY HURT IN NIGHT

Laying unconscious, two scars on his head bleeding, Frank Bain, son of R. B. Bain, transfer man, was found at midnight Wednesday night near the Mexia Compress and rushed to the Brown hospital, where medical attention was given him. Police are investigating the case, and expect to make arrests of two young men, with whom young Bain is said to have had a tilt earlier Wednesday evening.

Finding the unconscious man face upward near the sidewalk, police believed him dead. An investigation showed him alive and a Riddle company ambulance was called and the youth sent to the hospital.

Bain has been released from the hospital and is aiding officers in the search for the two alleged assailants. The injuries to young Bain were inflicted with a heavy stone, it is said. The youth says he had taken up a quarrel of his younger brother and was able to hold his own until two men attacked him at the same time.

## Christmas Fire Destroys Garage And Three Cars

Fire of unknown origin early Christmas morning destroyed the garage and blacksmith shop of Edward Shorter, corner Carthage and Belknap streets, together with three automibles and shop equipment of the concern.

The fire department responded to calls for aid and prevented a spread of the fire. The building was of frame and sheet iron construction. No estimate of the loss has been given by the fire department or the owner.

The fire occured at 1:15 a. m.

## Mercury Rises In City After Wave

After one of the coldest Christmas days Mexia has seen in many years, the mercury began to rise Friday and warmer weather was promised. Christmas day the mercury of the thermometer of the official weather observer, Miss Josephine Newman, registered 27 degrees as the lowest and 37 at the highest point, but Thursday night a considerable drop was experienced when 18 degrees was registered.

The lowest point between Christmas night and Friday morning was but three degrees above the lowest point of the cold wave, which was reached just a week before.

## BODY IS FOUND DURING BURIAL SERVICES OF SISTER

[By United Press]

HILLSBORO, Texas, Dec. 26.—While funeral services were being held for his sister, Sidney Hawkins, farmer, was found dead in a cistern here late Thursday. He was last seen leaving his sister's house after her death Sunday and was thought by his wife to be at the home of his parents until Thursday. It is thought that Hawkins stumbled into the cistern and was killed.

## Unique Probe Is Being Carried On Back of Scenes

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Unique congressional investigation is being quietly conducted behind the scenes in the Senate.

Dodging publicity, Senator James H. Couzen, Michigan, Republican, is now probing the United States Steel Corporation, Henry Ford, Harry Sinclair, J. D. Rockefeller, J. P. Morgan and practically every big business corporation in the United States. His intention is to ascertain how and what income taxes they are paying and he expects his inquiry to develop proof for vital changes in present taxation system.

## "Kid's" Fate Now In Jury Hands

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 26.—Sometime today Kid McCoy's fate will be in the hands of the jury and before nightfall he probably will know whether he is to be declared guilty of the murder of Mrs. Theresa Mors.

After Judge Charles Grail has given his final instructions, the nine women and three men who comprise the jury, will begin their deliberations.

Six findings are possible:

Guilty of murder in the first degree without recommendations.

Guilty and recommendations of life imprisonment.

Guilty of murder in second degree (carrying penalty of from ten years to life.)

Guilty of manslaughter (carrying penalty of one to fourteen years).

Not guilty.

Disagreement.

The Kid was depressed all day Christmas although several friends visited him. Scores of Christmas presents were received by jailers, but none were allowed to reach McCoy. Four of the eight former wives of the ex-pugilist sent him Christmas greetings.

"I loved but two women in my life," he said. "They are both dead—my mother and Tress Mors. I live for the day when I may meet them above."

### RELATIVES GATHER FOR BURNED VICTIMS FUNERAL IN OKLAHOMA

HOBART, Okla., Dec. 26.—Relatives of sixteen of the thirty three persons who died in a fire at Babbs Switch, south of here, held funeral services in the morgue here where the embered bodies lie today. Two thousand persons had gathered this afternoon for the union ceremonials for the victims. A similar funeral for the remaining seven victims will be held tomorrow.

### BOARD OF STEWARDS WILL MEET TONIGHT

The Board of Stewards of the Methodist church will meet tonight at 7:00 o5clock in the office of Dr. Linnie Metcalf. Every steward is urged to attend.

### THE WEATHER.

TEXAS—Tonight and Saturday generally fair and warmer. Minimum temperature, freezing.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Another cold wave will hit the northwest tonight and sweep southward across the middle and southwestern districts tomorrow, the weather bureau announced today. The wave is now at Alberta with a temperature of 40 below zero.

# No Foul Play In Millionaire Orphans Death

[By United Press]

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Cursory examination of the body of William McClintock, "millionaire orphan", has failed to reveal evidence of foul play, Dr. William D. McNally, coroner's chemist, declared today.

Chemical analysis of the vital organs now is under way by McNally and other physicians to determine whether the youth's death was the result of foul play.

State's Attorney Robert E. Crow, directing the investigation, will examine William D. Shepherd, foster father of Billy, some time tomorrow. Shepherd left Albuquerque, N. M. last night for Chicago to face intimations of "something wrong" in connection with his ward's death. Mrs. Shepherd has been ordered to stay in Albuquerque for her health, according to word to Crowe. The Shepherds left here shortly after the youth died and publication of will bequeathing them the bulk of the fortune.

Chief Justice Harry Olson of the municipal court and for many years associated closely with the McClintock family, expects to confer with Crowe and other officials today to reveal "interesting data". Justice Olson, one of the prime factors in starting the investigation, has made a personal investigation and hinted he would make important disclosures "in due time."

Several persons were summoned for questioning by Crowe today. Miss Isabelle Pope, North Shore society girl, who was to have married Billy, may give further details of her experiences with the Shepherds.

Isabelle told of the sudden coolness of Shepherd when the engagement was announced. Under the will Isabelle is to receive an annuity of $8,000.

Maria Gartner, former maid in the McClintock-Shepherd home, who witnessed the will and doctors Rufus S. Stolp and James B. Herrick, who attended the youth, were among the witnesses today.

Stories of alleged peculiar treatment of Billy by the Shepherds are being brought to Crowe. One informant told Crowe that after Billy's mother died in 1909, the Shepherds moved the child into a small room over the kitchen. There Billy slept with Shepherd by his side, while Mrs. Shepherd occupied a palatially furnished bedroom, according to the story.

Alexander F. Reichmann, an attorney and also an acquaintance of the McClintock family, told Crowe he tried to have Mrs. Shepherd removed as Billy's guardian. This was when Billy was still a child. The Shepherds took Billy around the country so much of the time that Reichmann said he feared for the child's health and mental development. Reichmann also said that Billy was planning to sell the old homestead and purchase a smaller one for his bride. A new will was planned by the orphan in which the Shepherds were to be given an annuity, Reichmann said.

Crowe said today that if the chemical analysis of the vital organs indicate the slightest suspicion that death was not the result of natural causes, he would place the case before the January grand jury. Death, according to the attending physician was due to typhoid.

## PROMINENT IN THE DAY'S NEWS.

Above: MRS. HENRY A. BISHOP & MRS. GUINEVERE GOULD
Below: JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, SR. & CAPT. G. P. D'OISY.

Captain Georges D'Oisy, French aviator, who flew from Paris to Tokio last Summer, will attempt a non stop, twenty-hour flight from Paris to Lake Chad, in Central Africa, a hop of 2,609 miles, shortly. Denial has been made that John D. Rockefeller, Sr., is ill at his Pocantico Hills home, his secretary declaring Rockefeller may leave for Florida next week. Mrs. Guinevere Sinclair Gould, widow of George J. Gould, is fighting to prove false an allegation that George J. Gould was not the father of her children. Mrs. Henry A. Bishop, neo Gloria Gould, was one of the chief witnesses in the $62,000,000 accounting suit of the Jay Gould estate, held in New York City.

# Four Cold Wave Chicago Victims

[By United Press]

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Four persons died here as result of the intense cold of the past 24 hours. The sub-zero weather will lift today, the Weather Bureau stated.

Numerous fires were caused by over-heated furnaces. Fire in a hotel drove scores of guests to the street in night attire.

Christmas Day, with 6 below zero the coldest here in 52 years.

Considerable suffering was reported from the poorer sections, where lack of fuel drove families to police stations for help.

T. A. White and wife accompanied by their son Phil visited Mrs. White's Brother and family T. F. Smith in Dallas Christmas and returned to Mexia on the noon train Friday.

Phil Ross and wife a former oil operator of Mexia but now living in Seattle Washington is visiting in the home of his Sister Mrs. T. B. Chatham for the Holidays.

Mrs. C. L. Pittman, wife of the chief of the fire department, is seriously ill at her home, suffering with pneumonia.

J. D. Arrington returned with his son Oran to San Antonio Friday on the noon train on business trip over Sunday.

Euel Hall spent Christmas day with his parents at Hillsboro.

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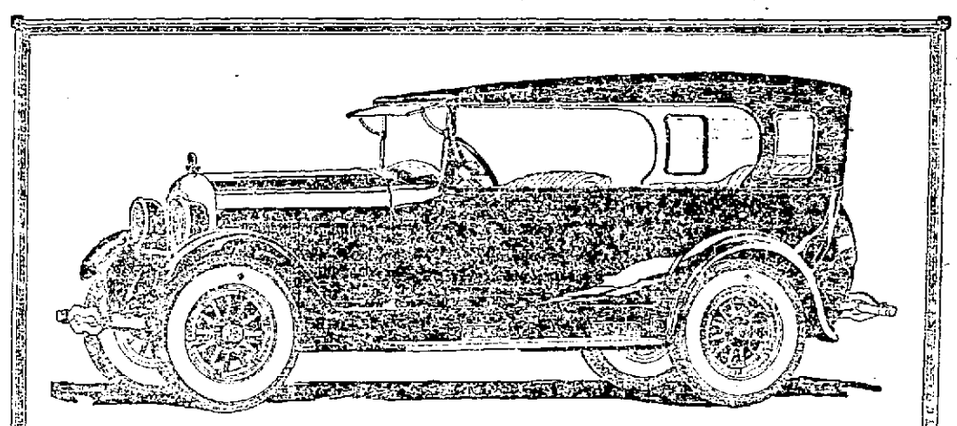

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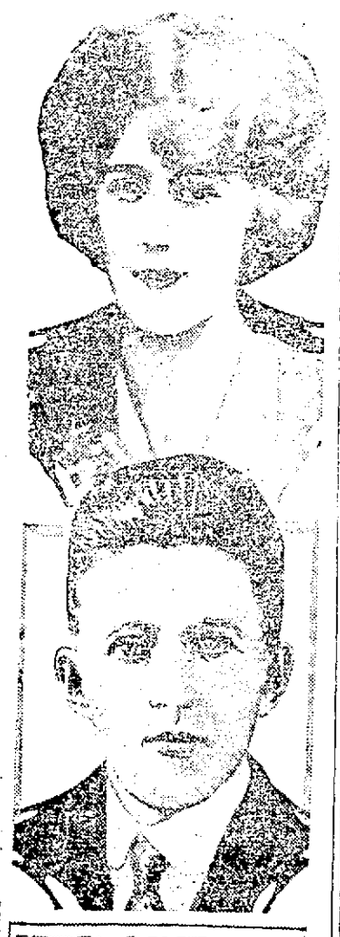

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C. A. Roark, Detroit telegrapher, is on trial for his life as the alleged slayer of pretty Miss Vena Moore, who was employed in the same office. Roark has maintained complete silence concerning the tragedy. His young wife is prostrated, but hopes he will be absolved.

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# SEVERAL AREAS WATCHED FOR NEW POOLS OF OIL

It is now a question as to whether Bazette or the Groesbeck area is to be the next to furnish a Mexia Balconnes fault field. Trading is active around Bazette, according to local oil men who are keeping an eye on this Northeast Navarro County territory. Many of the major companies hold protection properties there and the new year is expected to witness new wildcat tests. Southwest of here, across the Navasota river and from four to eight miles from the old producing area of the Mexia Golden lane, lies a district in which much confidence is expressed by geologists and oil men who have operated in this part of Texas for the last several years. Most of the acreage is under lease, some of which is in large blocks and it is declared that conditions are much similar to those existing at Wortham prior to its discovery. New tests are expected to go down there following January the first. At both Bazette and Groesbeck, gas has been encountered and in the latter area both gas in considerable proportions and a good oil showing. The Texas Company and the Pure have been among the major operators taking a prominent lead in wildcat activity there.

At Kosse, southwest of the freak Humphreys Jones gusher, nearly two miles, the C. H. Harrison et al Preston 1 is drilling below 3,000 feet. It has about 600 feet to go before reaching the depths at which the Woodbine sands are believed to be located there. It will be some ninety days, under normal conditions, before that test gets down, however, it is believed here. Many are confident that it, too, will be sure pool for 1925 in this part of Texas.

With these three fault areas to be given a thorough probe in 1925, the year promises greater activity than ever. This is further augmented by the increasing number of operators drawn to this section by the November discovery of the Wortham Oil field.

Along the railway line of the Southern Pacific from Dallas to Houston, the tourist may now see all of the fields, which are almost continuous for thirty-five miles may be added. There are more than 2,300 derricks up in these fields, where five years there was not a one and not a barrel of oil visible. In addition to these a thousand or more have been erecter over tests that did not come in.

Also, off what is known as the fault line, wildcats are yet drilling. It is understood that the Speight 1 of Z. Gardner south of Mexia six miles is to be drilled some thirty feet deeper. The area Northwest, near Tehuacana too is still holding some attention. Patty et als Hornbeck 1 is being closely watched and much acreage between there and the proven area at Worthan is leased.

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# HOME DRESSMAKING

By JEANNE ROLAND
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**Girl's Coat Trimmed with Fur**

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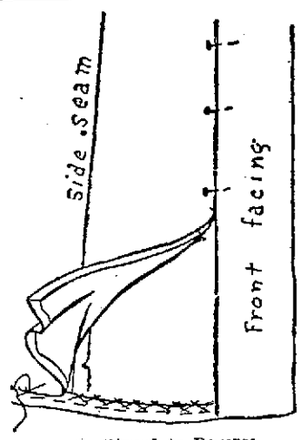
The cape collar featured on this model suggests the Directoire influence so much emphasized in modes for grown-ups. The model is in cranberry red broadcloth trimmed with squirrel.

Very smart indeed is the coat with choker collar for young girls, and this model has the collar and many other features to distinguish it as a Paris model. It calls for 2½ yards of material 54 inches wide, with 2¾ yards of 36-inch silk for the lining.

The sides and back are gathered with double rows of shirring, leaving the front straight. If preferred, however, the shirring may be limited to the sides, leaving the back to hang in straight effect as does the front. Long, close-fitting sleeves that end in cuffs of the squirrel are both smart and comfort affording.

The cape is lined with the material used for the coat lining and requires three-quarters of a yard in addition to the figures already given. The diagram shows how to sew the lining in the coat. Allow for a plait in the center of the back, then cut the lining the same size as the coat. Put together just as the coat is made, and when the coat is finished, add the lining, basting and pinning it down closely, seam over seam. The edge of the coat is turned up and catch-stitched. The lower edge of the lining is turned under, then basted over the turn-under edge of the coat. Sew with fine hemming or over-casting stitches.

A less expensive trimming and one that is equally smart for the coat is embroidered braid, which may be used for the collar and cuffs. Or, the home dressmaker, may be still more economical and use bands of the coat-material trimming them with braiding or a simple embroidery design. The smartest materials used for girls' coats this season are the kasha fabrics, broadcloth, the closely trimmed pile materials and velvet.




Lining Pinned to Reverse Side of Coat

# Knights Templar Installation And Christmas Service

Christmas morning at 10:30 Cour de Lion Commandery, Knights Templar, met in the Masonic hall for the installation of officers and a Christmas service.

Past Commander J. F. Denning, assisted by Past Master N. P. Houx, installed the new officers recently elected for the ensuing year.

After this the Christmas Service was conducted by Sir Knights E. H. Hudson, Perlate, and W. B. Andrews, the talk by Sir Knight Andrews being very appropriate and impressive.

A large number of Sir Knights, including several from Teague and Wortham, attended the meeting, which was pronounced by all an enjoyable affair.

The next meeting of the Commandery will be held Tuesday night, January 6, and all members are urged to attend and start the new year right.

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The big tree was loaded with all sorts of toys, dolls, candy, fruits, nuts and many other presents.

A short program was rendered by the little folks under the direction of Mrs. Hamilton of the Salvation Army. Mr. J. K. Hughes made an appropriate speech to the little folks that was appreciated by all, especially the children, as it was for them especially.

Santa Claus then arrived and was loudly cheered by the children, and he proceeded to distribute the liberal supply of presents, and brought gladness to many little hearts. There was an abundance for all present, and then some, the overflow being set aside for some families who could not attend.

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# Quiet Christmas Says Chief Mace

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"The nicest people I ever saw," is the opinion of Chief Mace of the population of Mexia and the oil field workers who have crowded here during the Wortham rush.

Liquor was conspicious by its absence, the police chief says, pointing out that most of the drunkenness cases were from vanilla extract, Jamacia ginger and other such liquids, not generally considered as liquor.

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### OTHER FAULT FIELDS ALMOST CERTAIN

The tale is told that everytime there comes a sort of lull or breathing spell for Mexia that someone goes out and brings in a Mexia fault feild. Then the race is on again.

At any rate it is admitted here that there is no busier place in Texas, year in and year out, than right here in Mexia. First came Mexia, then Currie, then Fishpond wells, then the freak gusher at Kosse, then Richland, then Powell, then New Richland, then Northeast Mexia, then Wortham. All these have been discovered in the past four years. This time five years ago not a one of these fields were known and hardly a derrick for a deep test could be seen in all this section.

But today, no railway leading into Tulsa or any other great oil field center passes through a more spectacular and imposing scene than one encounters from Corsicana 35 miles North, to Kosse 35 miles South. It has all come about since the coming of Colonel A. E. Humphreys to Texas. It is, therefore, not a matter of wonder that former Governor O. B. Colquitt should have said on a recent trip here that the Colonel had contributed in the past four years more than any other ten men to this State.

There is a feeling, too, that the triumphs of the past will be repeated in the next four years. Mexia seems to be in the very heart of the richest oil and gas resources of America.

It is now a question as to whether Bazette or Groesbeck is to be the next oil field. Big companies are getting a stronger foothold than ever on Bazette and many of them have long had acreage in the Groesbeck district from 8 to 14 miles southwest of Mexia. Crowding both of these, too, is the Kosse territory. The Preston well being drilled by Harrison et al there is now below 3,000 feet, with but 600 feet more to go.

These three mentioned are all on the Mexia Balcomes fault and are looked upon as sure to be added to the fields now in within the next few years at least.

Getting away from the Fault, other fields too may be discovered.

At any rate, it is safe to assert that Mexia as an oil center is now on the same basis with the very best in the State.

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The city has the same post office building that it had four years ago, when the population was less than four thousand. Yet there are now over 15,000 people here and all along has been between 8,000 and 10,000, more than double the population of the years before the discovery of oil.

The government understands fully that it cannot always jump in and build a big fine building everytime a town has a boom. If it pursued this policy it would soon have a vast number of nearly empty buildings, as boom after boom passes. It would involve a huge sum of Uncle Sam's money. But Mexia has proven herself to be out of the usual class of boom towns. She had her oil rush, but instead of resulting in the ultimate reduction of population, it has built the town into more than double its former size and is now on the high road to growth that will surely place it on an equal with the largest cities of Central Texas, Waco alone excepted.

The building is inadequate to meet the demands of Mexia even in ordinary days and right now larger facilities are actually demanded, though, of course, the demand cannot be met promptly, it seems. One cannot but feel a little nervous in going in the building on North Sherman Street. The floors are creaky and then one hears about the back end falling out a few days ago. It is crewded from front to rear, from top to bottom and how in the world the postal employes give the service they are rendering under the conditions is a puzzle most difficult to solve.

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Grim death perhaps is stalking me,
And e'er the year is past
I'll realize this new year's day
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And yet perhaps the hand of fate
Will never be so kind
But take my friends off, one by one
And leave me here behind.

The new year now approaches us
And who, but the Gods, may know
What it may bring, to the Pawns of Fate
Of trouble or worry or woe.

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### CHRISTMAS

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# Despite Politics, Italy Was Prosperous In 1924

By THOMAS G. MORGAN
(United Press Staff orrespondent)

ROME, Dec. 27.—Italy through 1924 was replete with marked political vicissitudes, favored with unusual diplomatic success and blessed with a large measure of industrial and commercial prosperity.

At the beginning of the year, Premier Mussolini's government enjoyed a popularity no other Italian govenment had enjoyed for decades. Toward the end, that popularity changed to an undisguised antipathy.

The old parliaenmt, against which much had been said for its weakness, still held over, but in February by the King's decree, that parliament was dissolved and new elections ordered for April 6. The elections were held under a new law, according to the provisions of which, the party amongst the numerous Italian parties securing the largest number of votes would be allotted automatically 356 seats out of the 535 in the Italian Chamber of Deputies. The remaning 179 seats were to be divided amongst the whole of the remaining parties in proportion to the number of votes polled. The elections resulted in a Fascist victory, 365 Fascist deputies taking their places in parliament.

The new parliament met for the first time on May 23, opened in full ceremonial by King Victor. To add to the strict form, deputies were ordered to wear full dress suits, according to an old Italian usage. Mussolini and his ministers donned full ministerial uniforms. The King's message was delivered and was mainly devoted to an appeal to the spiritual unity of the country and internal tranquillity.

Despite the two-thirds majority which the Fascists held, the sessions of the parliament were turbulent. The Socialists were the most numerous of the minority parties with a representation of 65. Their chief spokesman was a young deputy, representing the city of Rome, Giacomo Matteotti. He vehemently attacked the government for their repressive measures and was scheduled to make sensational exposures before the Chamber on June 10. On June 10 Deputy Matteotti was mysteriously kidnaped near his home and whirled into the Roman countryside. His disappearance concluded that he had been assassinated. Later in August, his body was found in a thicket, 18 miles from Rome. Several Fascist chiefs were arrested charged with complicity and several lesser chiefs with having perpetrated the bloody affair.

From that incident, the prestige of the Fascist party began its decline. There was a complete turn in the popular mind. Succeeding events served to accentuate the repugnance. A strict press decree was passed and the right of freedom of assembly and speech curtailed. The local administrations in the provinces were in many cases dissolved and commissioners sent from Rome to administer the local affairs. On September 12, an irresponsible shot and killed Signor Armando Casalini, a Fascist deputy. In late November, several exposures were made charging Deputy Italo Balbo, generalissimo of the Fascist militia, with ordering the clubbing of opposition voters.

Through the recurrence of these adverse circumstances, Mussolini was able to retain his post as premier due to the large majority which the peculiar electoral law had given him. There was however, a strong nucleus of former supporters arrayed against These included Former premiers Giolitti and Orlando and the ex-servicemen.

In the diplomatic field Mussolini's success was phenomenal. His negotiations with Yougo-Slavia brought a prize for which all other Italian governments had been angling since the war, namely, the annexation of Fiume to Italy. This treaty was signed on January 27. The King personally performed the formal ceremony of annexing Fiume to Italy on March 16, amidst the indescribable enthusiasm of the Italian inhabitants of the town and thousands who had journeyed from the rest of the kingdom.

A treaty very favorable to Italy was signed with the Russian Soviets who were formally recognized by Italy on February 7. Numerous commercial and comity treaties followed. On July 14, another treaty of commerce and navigation was signed with Yougo-Slavia. On July 15, the treaty formally annexing African Jubaland to Italy was signed with England. An economic treaty was signed with Austria on July 16. Switzerland signed an aribtration and commercial treaty with Italy on Sept. 20, while Finland followed with a general treaty on October 22.

The position of Italy in international affairs has been regarded as greatly enhanced by the numerous treaties. In December, the council of the League of Nations met in Rome.

In internal economic affairs, the country arrived at heights hitherto untouched since before the war. The Italian State budget which had an adverse balance of two billions at the beginning of 1924, has been balanced and fiscal measures undertaken by the ministry of finance are expected to greatly strengthen the state financially.

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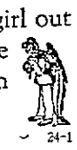

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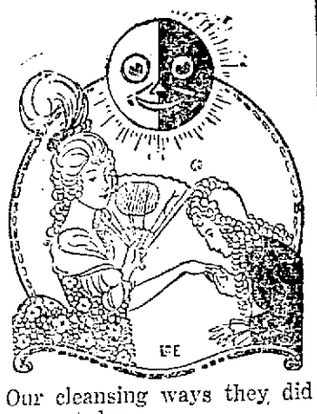

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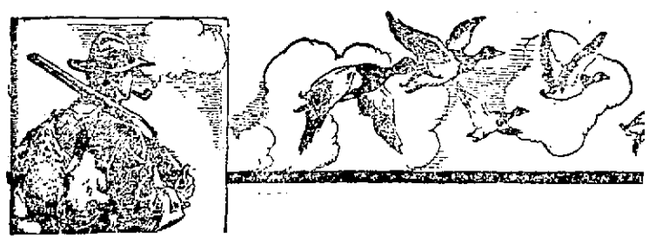

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# SPORTLIGHTS

By HECK

You gotta hand it to me for picking winners and giving the correct scores on my dope. I picked Waco to beat Oak Cliff 3 to 0 and Oak Cliff won 30 to 0—I only missed it 27 points which is close for me.

To Santa Claus:

Please bring Mexia a baseball manager that will bring us a pennant winner and please Mr. Santa Claus bring us a new set of wolves—those that will back the home team, win, lose or draw and above all bring your greatest peace offering and scatter it generously around the T. A. circuit.

Coach Poteet is having his troubles in getting a Black Cat basketball squad lined up and it looks to me like some of the Cats are a little shy in having the public take a slant at the pedal extremeties.

Well, you can't blame some of the Cats for not wanting to show off their bow legs, knock knees, etc., ad lib, et al.

According to the dope I get it looks like Frank Mathews will be the next manager of our Gushers and if such be the case I want to hand it to the local moguls for their good judgment. Mathews is a second baseman of many years experience and has a great record as a manager in the minor leagues and if he don't underrate the speed of the T. A. loop as so many have done in the past he should bring the Gushers under the wire a winner.

Another thing about Mathews—he sure can pole the old pellet for a fur piece—in fact, he has always stood high as a hitter in the minor loops.

The meeting scheduled for last Sunday among the T. A. moguls was again called off so guess we will have to wait until sometime in January for the annual jamboree with Harry Dupuy who wants to withdraw the Waco franchise from the circuit. From where I sit it looks like Harry will "want" and that will be all.

Right now it looks like Mexia will be the best playing date in the league next season and I understand that the local owners are going to increase the seating capacity of Nowlin park to five thousand and I hope they do for it will be needed many times during the coming season.

Had a letter from Umpire Tom Price who asked me to give you fans his best wishes and along with it

AT 28, PHILLIPE BARRES, son of Maurice Barres, the great French author who died not long ago, has published his first book, "Pa Guerre a Vingtans." In his book he seems to follow in his father's footsteps without losing his own personal touch

Tom tips me off that he will handle the indicator in the Pacific Coast League next season and I know you fans will join me in wishing the genial Tom the best of luck.

To my mind Tom Price is the best umpire that ever trod the sod of the T-A loop and I might say any other minor league and because he loved the class D leagues he refused advancement many times to the leagues of higher classification.

The players and fans will miss Price next season—miss his genial smile, funny stories and alround regular fellowship which has never varied during my fifteen years friendship with him.

Price has one rule that I think every umpire should adopt and that is: the fans comes first, the player afterwards. Price always insisted that the fans were entitled to what they paid for—"a ball game"—and that is why he always hustled and kept the players on the jump every minute of the time and in this respect I think Price has no superior in the minor leagues.

Good luck, Tom, we are all with you back here.

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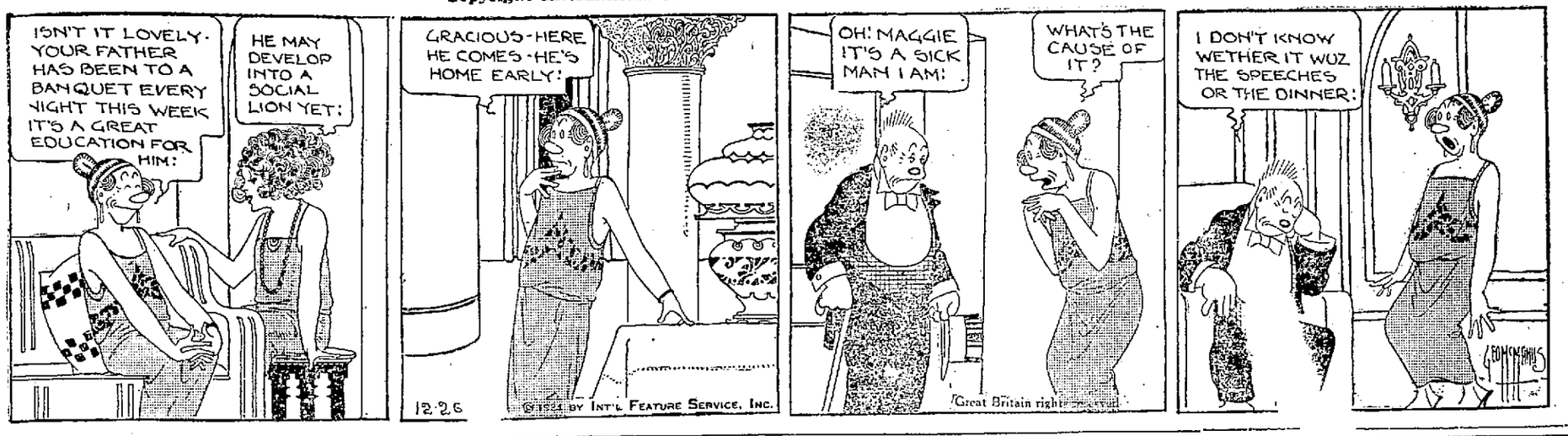
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| No. 37 | Dallas-Ft.W | 4:59 a. m. |
| No. 31 | Dallas | 1:30 p. m. |
| No. 15 | Dallas-Ft.W | 3:31 p. m. |
| No. 33 | Ennis | 7:10 p. m. |

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| No. 38 | Austin-SA | 12:21 a. m. |
| No. 18 | Houston | 1:37 a. m. |
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| No. 32 | From Dallas-Stp | 10:08 a. m. |
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No. 7 ..... 12:24 P. M.

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### CHIEF FIGURES IN THE NEWS OF THE DAY

Above: SEN. GEORGE W. NORRIS & LADY LUDLOW. Below: FRITZ KREISLER & RUPERT HUGHES.

As Fritz Kreisler, world famous violinist, was about to begin a concert in Vienna, he received a letter, signed by men who said they were discharged officials with starving families, telling him there would be an "accidental" shooting unless $700 were forthcoming. No arrests were made. Rupert Hughes, novelist and motion picture writer, whose first wife committed suicide in Indo-China a year ago, is soon to be married to Patterson Dial, a motion picture actress of Los Angeles. In attacking the Underwood bill to lease Muscle Shoals to a private corporation, U. S. Senator George W. Norris declared the lease "would make Teapot Dome look like a pin head." A London paper declares the famous $500,000 gem collection of Lady Ludlow, stolen from Bath House, her London residence, has been returned. The paper makes the amazing declaration that the jewels were stolen by thieves who acted for a Chicago millionaire, whose heart ached for the collection, but that he died before the thieves could turn them over to him.

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# Wortham To Take First Place In Production Column

## PEAK IS DELAYED BY COLD SPELL OF THE PAST 10 DAYS

The persistent cold wave of the past ten days has set back the peak of the drilling campaign and production at least until the latter part of February. More cold will delay these events to a later date. This is the opinion of operators and oil men in this district who are participating in the activities at Wortham.

Both cold snaps have hampered activity considerably as the weather has been so inclement that men hesitated to face the wind and freeze. Traffic to the field of pipe lines frustrated and the building of steel storage slowed up, while no new derricks have been added during the bad spell. Under normal weather conditions at least a hundred derricks would have been erected, added to the 300 now up.

The water problem remains unsolved. No gain surface water supplies was recorded during the freeze and wells dependent upon water pipe lines are yet idle, pending the repair of frozen up and broken lines.

With a dozen wells in the production column, yielding between 65,000 and 70,000 barrels daily, Wortham has risen to second place in Texas production, being exceeded only by Powell. Within the next few days, before the first of the New Year the five weeks old district will be in first place, with production nearing the 100,000 barrels mark. With fair weather, the week just opening should witness the addition of at least twelve more producers, that many now being either ready to set cement or ready to drill in.

Since the freeze curtailed production in the old Mexia field and at Powell, too, as well as in other Mid-Continent producing areas, the influence of the Wortham field has not been as obvious on total production reports as it otherwise would have been. Some hopes are entertained for an increase in crude prices, especially by Spring.

The Humphreys Boyd Company still leads both in number of producers and in daily production, with the Pure next and the E. L. Smith Oil Company next. The Humble has also entered the production list and several other wells to be added during the next few days. Strube and Strube also entered the list of producers this week on its small block of the Lindley. Its well came in Wednesday night, making around 4,000 barrels.

### PIVOTAL POINTS IN DAY'S NEWS

Above: ELEANOR BARNES LEVY & JOHN McCORMACK
Below: WILLETTE KERSHAW & THOS. J. WALSH—Int.

A complete denial that he was a victim of a blackmail plot has been made by John McCormack, noted tenor singer. According to a story told by Eleanor Barnes Levy, on trial in Boston for alleged blackmail, the tenor was mulcted of $100,000 after he carried to her room a young woman who had fallen in a hotel lobby and apparently sprained her ankle. "If such a trick were tried on me—and it wasn't, I say—McCormack declared. Miss Willette Kershaw, noted actress, says she is "through" with Americans as husbands. Her next, she is certain, will be a titled foreigner. Americans are all gold-diggers; Europeans, after all, are the only gentlemen, she delares. United States Senator Thomas J. Walsh's amendment to the Underwood Bill, leasing Muscle Shoals—an amendment providing in effect that the Government shall have control over rates charged for surplus power generated at Muscle Shoals—has been adopted by a vote of 41 to 29.

## First Presbyterians Have Xmas Tree

Wednesday night the First Presbyterian Sunday School had their annual Christmas tree, which was attended by nearly all members of the Sunday School, notwithstanding the cold weather.

The tree was loaded with toys and candy for the little ones, and some of the older ones also received useful presents. Santa Claus came on time and gladened the hearts of the little folks, and all went home enjoying the holidays.

### A BIG FOOT

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 26.—Because a clerk told her he hadn't a shoe to fit her foot when she attempted to buy herself a Christmas present, a portly matron of the Alamo City is sueing the store for $10,000.

Many social events are planned here this next week in honor of the Mexia students who are attending college and universities and who are home for the holidays.

## Matthews Will Is Contested

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 24.—Suit for temporary injunction restraining J. D. and J. T. Matthews, Denver, from participating as beneficiaries in the $200,000 estate of R. T. G. Matthews, wealthy Texas cattleman, was filed in Federal court here today by Alice M. Matthews, New York, former Metropolitan Opera singer and widow of the late Matthews.

Mrs. Matthews, according to the petition, married Matthews in 1890. Separation followed in a few months although Matthews continued supporting his wife. It is under this agreement, it was understood, that her petition against the Denver Matthews was filed today, claiming they are not entitled to her dead husband's property.

The Mexia to Houston sleeper service has been resumed on the H. & T. C. The sleeper is set out here early at night and is being received gladly by the public.

R. G. Rooker spent the Christmas holiday in Dallas.

Rev. and Mrs. Victor K. Aubrey and son left Christmas morning by automobile for a few days visit with relatives in North Texas. Services Sunday at the Central Presbyterian church will be arranged by officers of the congregation. Rev. Aubrey will return in time to occupy the pulpit on New Years Sunday.

C. L. Tatum who was operated on for appendicitis the early part of the week is getting along nicely.

Rev. Victor K. Aubrey and family are visiting his parents in Denison.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Perkins are visiting his parents in McKinney.

Jimmie Stewart spent Christmas in Dallas.

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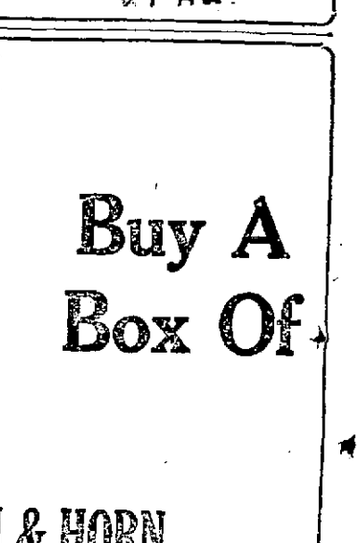

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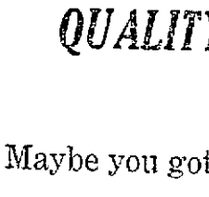

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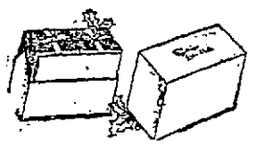

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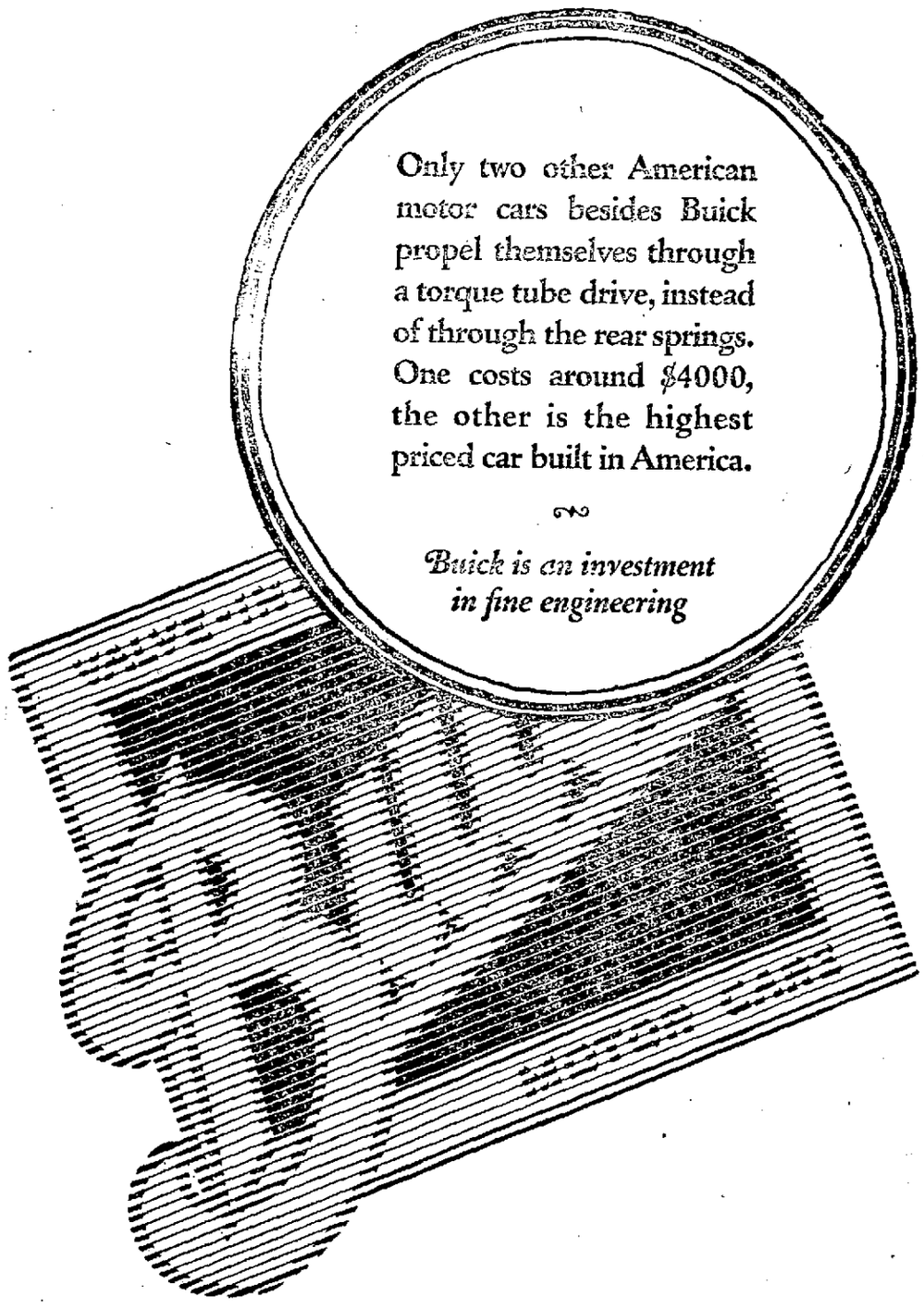
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